IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE **Claim No. PT-2022-000303**

BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

BUSINESS AND PROPERTY DIVISION

B E T W E E N

(1) UNITED KINGDOM OIL PIPELINES LIMITED

(2) WEST LONDON PIPELINE AND STORAGE LIMITED

Claimants / Applicants

and

(1) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING OR REMAINING WITHOUT CONSENT, AND IN CONNECTION WITH OR AFFILIATED TO THE EXTINCTION REBELLION CAMPAIGN OR THE JUST STOP OIL CAMPAIGN, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN, ON LAND AND BUILDINGS AT AND COMPRISING PART OF (A) THE BUNCEFIELD OIL TERMINAL, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE (SHOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION SHADED RED ON THE ATTACHED SITE 1 PLAN) (B) THE KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL, KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE (SHOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION SHADED RED ON THE ATTACHED SITE 2 PLAN)

First Defendant / Respondent

(2) PERSONS UNKNOWN WITHOUT CONSENT, AND IN CONNECTION WITH OR AFFILIATED TO THE EXTINCTION REBELLION CAMPAIGN OR THE JUST STOP OIL CAMPAIGN, OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN, OBSTRUCTING OR INTERFERING WITH THE FIRST CLAIMANT'S ACCESS OVER PRIVATE ACCESS ROADS ADJACENT TO (A) THE BUNCEFIELD OIL TERMINAL, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE (SHOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION SHADED BLUE ON THE ATTACHED SITE 1 PLAN) (B) THE KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL, KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE (SHOWN FOR IDENTIFICATION SHADED BLUE ON THE ATTACHED SITE 2 PLAN)

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Sent: 28 April 2026 16:45
To: LON ExxonMobil Service
Subject: Join the Festival of Revolutions- an International Gathering

External email
First time sender

JUST STOP OIL

Dear NRF,

Just Stop Oil has hung up the hi-vis, but there's still plenty going on in the wider movement!

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Just Stop Oil



Just Stop Oil supporter not guilty after spraying orange paint on MI5

Court & Prison, Press / July 17, 2026

A Just Stop Oil supporter was acquitted at Southwark Crown Court today, three and a half years after spray painting the MI5 building orange to demand an end to new oil and gas licensing. [1]

On 31st October 2022, Tez Burns was among 6 supporters who "painted the town orange" by spray painting the Home Office, the MI5 building, The Bank of England and the headquarters of News Corp at London Bridge. The buildings were chosen to represent the pillars that support and maintain the power of the fossil fuel economy – government, security, finance and media. [2]

Tez took action at Thames House, the headquarters of M15 at Millbank They began to spray orange paint from a fire extinguisher before being tackled by an onlooker who tried to wrest control of the fire extinguisher and ended up covered in orange paint. [3]

Today, Tez Burns appeared via video link before Judge Tomlinson at Southwark Crown Court to face a charge of criminal damage in the amount of £6,720. However the CPS offered no evidence to support their prosecution and the Judge declared a not guilty verdict.

Following the verdict, Tez Burns, 38, a mechanic from Swansea said:

"On the 31st of October 2022 I sprayed orange paint over the entrance of the MI5 headquarters to draw attention to the government's inaction on climate. That year, Boris Johnson, lying through his teeth, said 'climate is our number one priority' and the other two unelected Prime Ministers that succeeded him continued on with the entirely hypocritical plan to open up the North Sea for bids on new oil and gas exploration. This happened just after the Net Zero Strategy was proven unlawful – remember Greg Hands? What a shit show!"

"An angry middle-aged man, who was likely an employee of MI5, decided to be a 'hero' and ended up getting paint absolutely everywhere, and now today, four years later, I'm found not guilty. The Crown no longer feels it's in the public interest to prosecute. You could not make it up!"

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

"It has never been in the public interest to shoot the messenger, but that hasn't stopped successive governments from trying. Just Stop Oil may have ceased action but others are continuing the flight against the fossil fuel industry.

"The new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham could approve Rosebank and new North Sea drilling as early as next week. Join the Andy Say No to Rosebank! action with Fossil Free London this weekend."

In 2024 Just Stop Oil successfully won its original demand of 'no new oil and gas' and on March 27th 2025 announced an end to the campaign of action. However, our supporters will continue to tell the truth in court and to speak out for our political prisoners.

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Notes to Editors

[1] Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects.

April 26th 2025 was the last Just Stop Oil action, but our supporters will continue to tell the truth in the courts, speak out for our political prisoners, and call out the UK's oppressive anti-protest laws.

Just Stop Oil continues to rely on small donations from the public to make this happen.

[2] **Action press release 31 October 2022**
https://juststopoil.org/2022/10/31/day-31-just-stop-oil-paint-the-town-orange/

[3] **M15 action video**
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With court dates stretching into 2030, Just Stop Oil continues on in the courts. While we may no longer be slow marching in the streets everyone who took action with us still needs your support. So many brave people who couldn't stand by and watch billions of people die are waiting to go up against our so called 'justice' system. Make sure they aren't alone in this time and donate to support them in their journey through the courts!

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JUST STOP OIL'S UNCOMPROMISING POSITION IS WHOLLY JUSTIFIED — MORALLY AND POLITICALLY.

Sir Jonathon Porritt, writer and campaigner.

How do my donations help?
The street campaign may be over, but hundreds of good people are still being dragged through the courts with fines, prison time, electronic tags and isolating curfews. We rely on small monthly donations from the public to fund the support team that they need.

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213
ACTIONS

3,285
ARRESTS

180

POLITICAL PRISONERS

4,400,000,000

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SINCE WE STARTED (FEB 2022)

NAME RECOGNITION FOR JUST STOP OIL

92%

52%

OF BRITONS HAVE AN UNFAVOURABLE OPINION OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

100%

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James Özden, Director of Social Change Lab

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"MORE PROTESTS ARE COMING, BUCKLE UP."



Margaret Klein Salamon – Clinical psychologist turned climate warrior

"IF WE DON'T ACT WE ARE DOOMED."



Chris Packham – Naturalist, nature photographer, television presenter and author

"DO PEOPLE NOT CARE ABOUT THEIR KIDS' FUTURES?"



Matthew Todd – Writer, editor and occasional stand-up comedian

"CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IS OUR LAST AND ONLY HOPE."



Valerie Brown – Burning Pink candidate for London Mayor

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Naomi Klein – Author, professor and social activist

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About us

Just Stop Oil was a nonviolent civil resistance group in the UK. In 2022 we started taking action to demand the UK Government stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal

Just Stop Oil's PMQs protest brings Westminster traffic to a halt

Police arrest climate activists set on disrupting Andy Burnham's first Prime Minister's Questions

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Buses had to be taken out of service while demonstrators blocked the road on Wednesday afternoon Credit: Sapphire Hope



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Updated 02 September 2026 6:15pm BST
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Just Stop Oil protesters brought traffic to a halt outside Parliament during Andy Burnham's first appearance at Prime Minister's Questions.

Around 30 climate activists sat or lay in the road by Parliament Square, Westminster, in central London on Wednesday afternoon.

Police vans blocked the road as officers descended on the scene shortly after midday and arrested some of the protesters. The action resulted in buses being taken out of service and parked in the street.

Other demonstrators supported from the sidelines, leaning over metal barriers as they held up placards reading “No gas, no oil”; “For national security’s sake, just stop oil”; and “For kids’ sake, just stop oil”.



Police carry a protester away from the scene Credit: Wiktor Szymanowicz/Future Publishing via Getty Images

Cameron Ford, a spokesman for the group, said the disruption was timed to coincide with Mr Burnham’s first PMQs because he was “deciding whether to have more oil and gas projects” and the activists wanted to send a message that “Just Stop Oil is back”.

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Mr Burnham has indicated that he is open to authorising new drilling for oil and gas in the North Sea, despite opposition from Labour MPs.

Mr Ford said: “We’re saying: stop putting fuel on the fire. We’ve all experienced crazy heat this summer and we don’t want it to get worse, so stop adding to the problem.”



Police say a number of protesters were removed from the street Credit: Sapphire Hope

Asked for his view on comments made by Richard Tice, the deputy leader of Reform UK, who suggested English sparkling wine production could benefit from the heat, allowing the UK to “take on the French”, Mr Ford said farmers were among the protesters taking part in the action.

“They are really struggling,” he said. “Fields are getting set on fire, crops are just dying. Tell Richard Tice to just do one.”

Mr Ford was also critical of the Government’s text alert warning the public about wild fires and not to use disposable barbecues, claiming it was “performative” and “makes me feel like there’s no hope for this lot [the current Government], actually”.



The Metropolitan Police said it was engaging with partner agencies to try to minimise disruption for Londoners Credit: Sapphire Hope

The Metropolitan Police said: “Officers are currently on scene and continue to engage with a group of people, believed to be Just Stop Oil supporters.

“Specialist officers have been deployed, and some members of the group have been removed from the road. We are working closely with partners including Transport for London to reduce disruption in the area for Londoners.”



We are all Just Stop Oil now: Mass arrest outside Burnham's first PMQs

Press / September 2, 2026

PICTURES AND VIDEOS

Police are currently arresting over 60 Just Stop Oil supporters outside Parliament, on the same day the UN has reported that the globe is on track for at least 2°C warming in our lifetime. The action takers today are demanding that the UK government stop approving all further oil and gas developments, and sign a Fossil Fuel Treaty to Just Stop Oil. [1] [2]

60 people are blocking the road on Parliament Square, with a significant number glued on. There are a further 40+ people demonstrating in support from the pavement. The Metropolitan Police have begun to make arrests from the group blocking the road. It's expected that all will be arrested. One lane has been left free of glued-on action takers to permit access for emergency vehicles.

Today's drastic actions have been taken in resistance to the possibility raised by Andy Burnham of drilling more oil and gas from the North Sea, despite it doing "*nothing to lower UK energy bills or strengthen energy security*". Holding banners which read 'FOR FUCK'S SAKE, JUST STOP OIL', the action takers took to the road in Parliament Square at the strike of 12 from Big Ben. They are blocking Andy Burnham's first Prime Minister's Questions. [3]

Trish Fitzmaurice, a mother from Norfolk, is one of those arrested on the road today. She said:

"Andy Burnham, we are crying out for leadership! The climate crisis is the biggest threat humanity has ever faced. We are destroying our only home by burning fossil fuels. Oil and gas mean death."



Within 30 minutes, police officers were on the scene and began to make arrests, carrying the nonviolent action takers into nearby police vans. At the same time, a crowd of supporters stood nearby, holding banners and placards which altnerately read 'For Future's/ Food's/ Our Children's Sake, Just Stop Oil!'. Events are still unfolding.

Data from the Met Office indicates that 2026 was the hottest summer in UK recorded history, beating 2025 which was the previous hottest summer on record. 2026 was also one of the driest summers on record, delivering record-low food harvests. Climbing temperatures have triggered devastating wildfires across the country. National fire chiefs said the wildfire risk facing the UK *"is like nothing we have seen before"*. [4] [5] [6]

Sam Burgess, 26, a student from Lancaster is one of those on the road today. She said:

"More oil is a death sentence: the unprecedented heatwaves killed over 35,000 extra people in Europe this summer. I'm not going to sit by and wait for this figure to include someone I love. The government

must start protecting its citizens and Just Stop Oil."



A recent viral article in the Metro asked "*Where have all the climate activists gone?*", in light of the deadly droughts, wildfires, and heatwaves which have been pummelling the UK and Europe. Answering its own question, it concluded that direct action campaigns like Just Stop Oil were successful in their goals. Indeed, Just Stop Oil's call for the end of **new** oil and gas licensing was met. However, with Andy Burnham and Miattah Fanbulleh potentially flaking on their commitments to climate action now in power, the urgency of climate catastrophe is still pressing, making it essential that **all** oil and gas extraction is ended. [7]

The imminent 2°C minimum of warming predicted today by the UN would create global weather system collapse, triggering never-before-seen droughts, wildfires, and floods in every inhabited continent. Going further, The German Physics Society and the German Meteorological Society have predicted a 3°C average temperature rise, triggering mass global starvation and irreversible flooding of major cities. [8] [9]

As action taker Reverend Bill White, 72, a priest from Macclesfield, said today:

"Over 80% of people want the government to take more action. It's time for us all to say 'For God's sake, Just Stop Oil!'"



A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said today:

"*We are all Just Stop Oil. Every single person who fears deadly wildfires, devastating droughts, and spiralling food shortages is Just Stop Oil. The first duty of government is to keep the public safe – but by greenlighting oil and gas drilling, they endanger* ***our*** *survival while corporates and billionaires laugh* ***their*** *way to the bank"*

"Every one of us feels alone and powerless in the face of this insanity but we know there is massive political and public support for our demand. So we're inviting everyone to join us at an online call on 3rd October 2026 – because it's when we work together that we are powerful and win. Sign up at www.juststopoil.org". [7]

In 2024 Just Stop Oil successfully won its original demand of 'no new oil and gas'. But we all know that it's not enough. We need to end all fossil fuels completely to have any hope of heading off the horror that our heating world will bring. With fascist and authoritarian forces on the rise everywhere, our democracy is under threat. We are all Just Stop Oil now – what will you do?

💬 Register to join the online call on 3rd October 2026:

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Notes to Editors

[1] Just Stop Oil is committed to nonviolent direct action to resist the destruction of our communities as a result of climate breakdown. We do not consent to plans that will result in 3C of warming and mass death.

We demand the UK government stops approving all further oil and gas developments and signs a Fossil Fuel Treaty to Just Stop Oil.

Our government must work with other governments to end the extraction and burning of all oil, gas and coal for good.

Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects.

Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

We take all possible steps to ensure that no-one's safety is compromised by our actions.

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We blocked the road outside Parliament just as Andy Burnham's first PMQs as Prime Minister began, calling on the government to sign a Fossil Fuel Treaty.

Extracting and burning oil and gas "for decades to come" is a death sentence. There's a possibility of billions of deaths by the end of the century, yet Burnham is still considering approving Jackdaw and Rosebank.

For f***'s sake, Just Stop Oil.

We are all Just Stop Oil now. Sign up for our online call through the link in our bio: @just.stopoil

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hollyexley_illustration Grateful to these people, Andy Burnham must listen to the people & the science. No new oil!

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FOR FUCK'S SAKE JUST STOP OIL!

Think this summer was bad? It was just the start. Every new oil and gas project will make things worse.

We do not consent to plans that will result in 3C of warming and mass death.

If you feel the same, now is the time to resist.

Exhausted firefighters, collapsing nurses and overheated bus drivers – we are all Just Stop Oil now.

We are coming together to demand that the UK government stop licensing all new oil and gas projects and sign a Fossil Fuel Treaty to Just Stop Oil.

Anything less is a death sentence.

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"THE CHOICE IS STARK. EITHER WE ORGANISE A RAPID, FAIR TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY – OR CLIMATE CHANGE FORCES CHAOTIC, VIOLENT CHANGE UPON US INSTEAD."

Professor Kevin Anderson, November 2025

How people are taking on oil.

In spite of the risks

TRUTH

The first duty of government is to keep citizens safe, but this government has no plan. Prioritising more oil and gas, more growth and more wealth for billionaires over the survival of billions of people is not a plan. The government needs to come clean and admit to the public how bad our situation is. We need an emergency response to cut oil and gas demand and improve our resilience paid for by the fossil fuel companies and the rich, not by ordinary people.

COMMUNITY

Every one of us feels alone and powerless in the face of this global insanity. They want us to believe resistance is futile, that change is impossible, that we can't stop oil no matter what we do. But we know there is massive political and public support for our demand and when we come together we are powerful and we can win.

ACTION

We will not just sit around and wait while everything we love is being destroyed. So once again we are putting our bodies on the line, risking arrest and even imprisonment. We do not consent to plans that will result in 3C of warming and mass death. If you feel the same, now is the time to resist. Don't wait for others to lead the way. We are all Just Stop Oil now.

We're part of an

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

The Wayback Machine - https://web.archive.org/web/20261002065810/https://juststopoil.org/

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Anything less is a death sentence.

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Case No: KB-2024-001765/KB-2024-002132
KB-2024-002317/KB-2024-002473

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
[2026] EWHC 2248 (KB)

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Strand
London, WC2A 2LL

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

BEFORE:

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SOOLE

BETWEEN:

VARIOUS AIRPORTS

(London City; Manchester; Stansted; East Midlands; Leeds Bradford; London Luton; Newcastle International; Birmingham; Liverpool John Lennon; Bristol)

Claimants

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

MR T MORSHEAD KC and MS E BARDEN appeared on behalf of the Claimants
THE DEFENDANTS did not appear and were not represented.

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1. MR JUSTICE SOOLE: This is the annual review hearing in respect of orders comprising precautionary injunctions against prospective protesters, at a number of airports in the UK, in respect of climate change and associated environmental issues. The actions and airports with which the hearing is concerned are: -

1. KB-2024-001765, London City Airport.

2. KB-2024-002132, Manchester Airport, Stansted Airport and East Midlands Airport.

3. KB-2024-002317, Leeds Bradford Airport, London Luton Airport and Newcastle International Airport.

4. KB-2024-002473, Birmingham Airport, Liverpool John Lennon Airport and Bristol Airport.

2. I will refer to the four actions by the first-named airport in each case; thus the London City action, the Manchester action, the Leeds/Bradford action and the Birmingham action. In each case the claimants appear by Mr Timothy Morshead KC and Ms Evie Barden. There has been no attendance by or representation for any person falling within the description of Persons Unknown, nor by or on behalf of anybody else.

3. The current continuing order in each case is as follows. London City action: 20 June 2024, Julian Knowles J, injunction until 20 June 2029, with yearly reviews. Manchester action: 5 July 2025, HHJ Coe KC sitting as a High Court judge, injunction until further order with early reviews. Leeds Bradford action: 19 July 2024, order, as amended under the slip rule, of 19 July and 22 July 2024, Ritchie J, injunction until further order with yearly reviews. Birmingham action: 6 August 2024, Jacobs J, injunction until further order with yearly reviews.

4. Each of these orders was continued with minor amendments by the order of Bourne J dated 24 June 2025, following the first annual review. By application notices in each action, each dated 2 June 2026, the various Claimants apply for the 2026 review to be listed. By various subsequent orders, each application was listed for today, all to be heard together as before.

5. The applicant's applications are in each case supported by witness statements dated 11 June 2026 and 24 June 2026 from the Claimants' solicitor with the current principal conduct of the matter, Mr Alexander James Wright. In each case, the witness statement dated 11 June 2026 sets out the background to the four actions in question. Mr Wright also refers to three other actions and consequent continuing orders, which relate to Heathrow Airport, Gatwick Airport and Southend Airport. The claimants in those three actions act by other solicitors.

6. In respect of the London City action, Mr Wright restates that the cause of action on which this injunction was sought and granted was in trespass alone. As to the other three actions, he has also sought protection in respect of areas of the airport which had been leased to third parties and thus to which the relevant claimants did not have immediate rights of possession. In those cases the cause of action was framed in private nuisance.

7. In respect of the airports at Manchester, Leeds Bradford, London Luton, Newcastle International and Liverpool John Lennon the areas of restraint include an element of public highways for which the cause of action is in public nuisance.

8. Mr Wright restates the health and safety risks which are presented by direct/unlawful protest activity on land belonging to the airport in question. As to events since the 2025 review and the orders of Bourne J on 24 June 2025, Mr Wright cites a range of protests over the past year by protesters variously under the banners of Extinction Rebellion, Greenpeace, Fossil Free London, Shut the System, Boycott Blood Insurance and Take Back Power. In respect of Extinction Rebellion, these have included disruption of the British Insurance awards; targeting the offices of March & Howden; staging a mock crime scene at Barclays Bank; occupying the lobby of Prudential Regulation Authority; staging protests at insurers AXA and AIG; and protesting outside Macquarie Group headquarters against expansion at Farnborough Airport. He acknowledges that none of these protests have taken place at London City Airport nor indeed at any other airport in the country.

9. As to the campaign group Just Stop Oil, Mr Wright states that he is not aware of any incident involving direct/unlawful protest activity attributable to JSO since the last review hearing. He recalls JSO's previous announcement on 27 March 2025 to the effect

that it was ceasing its 'hi-vis' activities, but also its subsequent apparent or potentially contradictory statements.

10. Mr Wright further points to links from JSO's website to the campaign group Take Back Power and to JSO's own website comment in June 2026, which refers to Take Back Power and states that: "…revolutionary change is needed now more than ever. Corrupt politicians are serving the interests of billionaires. Ordinary people are struggling to survive, and the media are shifting blame from their mates on mega yachts to the people on small boats. Meanwhile, the world is getting hotter and hotter. Nothing short of a political and economical revolution is going to get us out of this mess. It's time to Take Back Power."

11. Mr Wright continues that it strongly appears to him that Take Back Power is a successor to Just Stop Oil. The homepage of Take Back Power describes itself as a non-violent civil resistance group, which aims to put the 99% in charge through citizens assemblies. From the Take Back Power website Mr Wright cites a number of incidents involving their activists and supporters since December 2025, for example at the Ritz; Claridge's; the Tower of London; outside Parliament; in supermarkets in four UK cities; at Sotheby's auction house; and at a Ferrari dealership.

12. He states that this gives concern for London City, in particular because of its use by those who own private jets at the airport. He cites events in July 2025 when Extinction Rebellion supporters protested against private jets at London Oxford Airport and at an airport in Scotland; the protest against the expansion of Farnborough Airport; and to an incident back in June 2024 when two JSO protestors spraypainted two private jets at Stansted Airport. He states that London City is very concerned that it will become the focus of direct action by members of Take Back Power or the like, unless restrained by injunction.

13. For that reason, by separate applications dated 18 June 2026 to which I will refer later, the Claimants in all but the Manchester action apply to amend the description of Persons Unknown to include those protesting as wealth inequality campaigners as well as those protesting on climate change and environmental issues. As to the various other organisations which have appeared, e.g. Fossil Free London and Youth Demand, he

states that "Though names and tactics may change and evolve over time, possibly in an attempt to exploit potential loopholes in unlawful protest injunction orders, for a number of the activists the primary objective remains disruptive demonstrations against organisations that they believe stand opposed to their demands…Consequently there remains a continued risk to the Claimants' airports that they will be the target of direct action in the absence of the protection afforded by the injunctions."

14. Mr Wright states that the Claimants continue to have no objection to protests which are lawful and do not interfere with other's rights, subject to those wishing to carry out a peaceful protest at the airport making a request for the claimants to designate an area for that purpose in accordance with the final recital in the 2024 order. He states that the continued lack of direct/unlawful protest activity at the airports, when set aside the continuing incidents which have occurred elsewhere, justifies the inference that protesters have been careful to ensure that their unlawful behaviour has taken place at premises which are not protected by an injunction. Accordingly he contends that the injunction has had the required deterrent effect and should be maintained.

15. Mr Wright then refers to the history of criminal proceedings against various protesters and the varying verdicts which have resulted. He suggested that this shows the protestors are more willing to take their chances with the jury than the judge. Mr Wright concludes that the impact of climate change continues to be firmly on the public agenda and to attract strong feelings and consequent willingness to contemplate disruptive action. The inference he and his clients draw from the evidence is that the injunctions have influenced the pattern of protest, with disruptive action being focussed principally on targets which do not have the benefit of protection by injunction.

16. In each case, the Claimants have a continuing concern that in the absence of such protection, disruptive action would take place and result in irreparable and serious potential harm to the airport and those who use it. He adds that most of the incidents in 2024 which were targeted by environmental protesters occurred between late June and August of that year, i.e. in the busiest period for holiday travel.

17. Mr Wright also identifies a particular concern from the raising on 30 April 2026 by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre of the national terrorism threat level from "substantial"

to “severe”, i.e. that “an attack is highly likely”. The suggested significance of this is that airports are acutely sensitive to chaotic disruption caused by unlawful direct action; and that, in turn, terrorism is facilitated by chaos. He cites observations to that effect by Ritchie J in his judgment when making the Leeds Bradford order: [2024] EWHC 2274 (KB).

18. Mr Wright’s statements in respect of the Manchester, Leeds Bradford and Birmingham actions are in similar general terms. He cites the same deterrent effect; and the same continuing concern that this will change if the injunction were not to continue.

19. As to Leeds Bradford, Mr Wright points out that the airport has granted its contractor a right to use and carry out works over an additional area in the vicinity of the terminal building, i.e. additional to that referred to in his first witness statement of 16 July 2024, and that the first Claimant retains exclusive possession or control of that area of land.

Application to amend

20. By application notices dated 18 June 2026, made in respect of all save the Manchester action, there is an application to reamend the claim form so as to extend the definition of Persons Unknown to include those campaigning in respect of wealth inequality as well as those in respect of climate and environmental issues. There is no such application in the Manchester action because in that case the definition of Persons Unknown is not limited to any particular cause of protest. I observe that, other than in respect of the title, there is no application to amend the body of the Particulars of Claim, e.g. by including reference to such campaigns in respect of wealth inequality and their apprehended consequences.

21. In addition:

1. In the Manchester action, the application is to reamend the Particulars of Claim so as to reflect a revision effected by the East Midlands Airport Bylaws 2025, which replaced their predecessor.

2. As to Leeds Bradford, the application is to amend the Particulars of Claim in order to reflect a change which results from the London Luton Airport Bylaws 2025.

Service and notice

22. By his single witness statement dated 24 June 2026 in each of the four actions, Mr Wright sets out the steps he has taken to –

1. Give due notice of this second review hearing and to serve his supporting witness statements. This includes notice in the Birmingham action and in the Manchester action to third-party occupiers within the red line of the injunction order boundary in respect of each airport.

2. Serve the application notices dated 2 June 2026 and the consequent orders listing today's hearing.

3. Serve the application notices dated 18 June 2026 to amend the claim forms and Particulars of Claim in various ways.

23. I was also told that the claimant's skeleton argument for today, dated 24 June 2026, was served in the same way. Insofar as the previous orders prescribed forms of service for these applications and documents, I am satisfied that these have been complied with.

24. Mr Wright's witness statement of 24 June 2026 states that he has uploaded the application dated 18 June 2026 to each individual airport's relevant website and sent a copy to the email addresses referred to in schedule 3 to each of the orders made in 2024. Furthermore he has sent emails in respect of each application dated 18 June 2026 to a number of additional email addresses relating to Take Back Power, Shut the System, Fossil Free London, Youth Demand and Extinction Rebellion. He has also used those email addresses for other notices served for the purpose of the hearing today. No responses have been received to the emails sent.

Full and frank disclosure

25. In accordance with their duty to the court, the Claimants have drawn attention to a number of procedural errors made since the order of Bourne J. These are set out in close detail in the skeleton argument to which I have referred.

26. The first matter concerns notification of the Bourne orders by email. The injunctions required service of any applications or documents to be effected by uploading and also by sending an email to email addresses identified in the order. The uploading requirement was met but it has not been possible to establish that the email provision was complied with by Mr Wright's predecessor, Mr Wortley. Following this discovery, the necessary emails were sent on 9 June 2026. It is submitted that the error must have been due to oversight rather than deliberate.

27. The second matter concerns notification of the Bourne orders by affixing at the sites. In the case covered by the Manchester action, HHJ Coe ordered that further applications or documents were also to be served by affixing a notice at locations marked on plans of the airport, setting out where the applications or documents could be found and obtained in hard copy. For those airports, the Claimants affixed copies of the relevant order of Bourne J at the locations marked on the plans and did so in the week of 30 June 2025.

28. In the cases of Leeds Bradford Airport, Newcastle International Airport and London Luton Airport, Ritchie J ordered that further documents were to be served by carrying out "each of the steps in paragraph 3" of his order. That paragraph included a direction requiring the claimants to affix a notice setting out where the documents and order could be found and obtained in hard copy. The formal notice that was referred to was a warning notice relating to the order made by Ritchie J. In the event a fresh warning notice was not affixed as apparently required by the relevant paragraph of Ritchie J's order. This reflected a misunderstanding of what was required. There may be a question as quite exactly what was required. On 15 June 2026, the orders of Bourne J were affixed at Leeds, Bradford and Newcastle International Airport at the relevant locations.

29. Thirdly, as to the London City Airport, by the order of Bourne J one substantive change was made to the existing injunction. In that case, the cause of action was trespass, such that the geographical scope of the injunction excluded areas over which third parties had interests and to which the claimants did not have an immediate right to possession. As a result of the grant of a further third-party interest, the claimant sought to reduce the scope of the injunction in order to introduce a new zone within the red line of the plan which was excluded from the scope of the injunction.

30. Bourne J gave permission to amend the claim form for that purpose and in consequence a new plan was annexed to the original order of Julian Knowles J. However it was noticed on 10 June 2026 that the order, as in fact amended, annexed a plan which suffered from a formatting problem. The effect was that only part of the redline boundary was visible.

31. Fourthly, in respect of London City Airport, contrary to what was required, the Claimants did not file an amended claim form following the hearing on 24 June 2025 and consequently also did not notify the Defendants. This was again at a time when Mr Wortley was dealing with these matters. This was rectified very recently on 15 June 2026.

32. Fifthly, the Claimants draw attention to the fact that a note of the 2025 review hearing was not uploaded to the dedicated website until 15 June 2026. Whilst there was no order or undertaking to do so, they observe that it might be argued that this should happen in any event, citing observations of Lightman J in *Interoute Telecommunications (UK) Ltd v Fashion Gossip Ltd*, unreported 23 September 1999. However they also point out that a transcript of the oral judgment of Bourne J has been on the websites since August 2025.

The review

33. In *Wolverhampton City Council and others v London Gypsies and Travellers and others* [2023] UKSC 47, [2024] 1 AC 983, the Supreme Court observed at [225] that the review hearing " …will give all parties an opportunity to make full and complete disclosure to the court, supported by appropriate evidence, as to how effective the order has been; whether any reasons or grounds for its discharge have emerged; whether there is any proper justification for its continuance; and whether and on what basis a further order ought to be made."

34. Further in *High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd and Secretary of State for Transport v. Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 1277 (KB) at [32]-[33], Ritchie J summarised the court's task on a review hearing as follows: "Drawing these authorities together, on a review of an interim injunction against Pus and named Defendants, this Court is not starting de novo.

The Judges who have previously made the interim injunctions have made findings justifying the interim injunctions. It is not the task of the Court on review to query or undermine those. However, it is vital to understand why they were made, to read and assimilate the findings, to understand the sub-strata of the quia timet, the reasons for the fear of unlawful direct action. Then it is necessary to determine, on the evidence, whether anything material has changed. If nothing material has changed, if the risk still exists as before and the claimant remains rightly and justifiably fearful of unlawful attacks, the extension may be granted so long as procedural and legal rigour has been observed and fulfilled. On the other hand, if material matters have changed, the Court is required to analyse the changes, based on the evidence before it, and in the full light of the past decisions, to determine anew, whether the scope, details and need for the full interim injunction should be altered. To do so, the original thresholds for granting the interim injunction still apply".

35. I have therefore in each case considered whether there has been any material change which affects the need for the injunction to be in place. For that purpose I have duly taken account of the evidence to which I have already referred and to the submissions made on behalf of each Claimant, both through the evidence of Mr Wright and in substantially similar terms through the submissions of Counsel on behalf of the claimants.

36. I note that the procedural errors which have been made and which have very properly been drawn to the attention of the court. I am quite satisfied they were wholly inadvertent. Of course strict compliance and great care is required, not least in cases involving Persons Unknown. However slips can occur and I see no basis to conclude that any prejudice to any Person Unknown within the defined class has resulted. I conclude there is no basis to discharge the injunction or procedural grounds nor any reason to take those into account when considering the substance of the question of whether the injunction should continue.

37. As to continuation of the order, I do not consider that there has been any material change in circumstances. I am quite satisfied there continues to be a compelling need for these orders. The evidence does indeed demonstrate the deterrent effect of the injunctions. However it does not follow that that there can be any relaxation against the continuing

background of similar type of direct-action protests. I have no doubt that if the restraint were removed, the real and imminent threat of direct action at these airports would resume. In short, all the ingredients that were present for the original grant of the orders remain and all the arguments which justified those orders are still in place.

38. As to the proposed extension of the definition of Persons Unknown to those protesting against wealth inequality, in addition to those campaigning on climate change and environmental issues, I have found this a less straightforward decision. On the one hand, there is real force in the evidence and supporting argument which demonstrate a fluidity between the organisations of protest, and not least between Just Stop Oil and Take Back Power. Further, I accept that the evidence of the protests which have taken place against private jets gives rise to real and understandable concern on the part of the airports. I accept that the present definition of the Persons Unknown would likely be seen as a loophole by such protesters and thus would or might result in direct action, of the type which these orders otherwise restrain, by those concerned in wealth inequality protests.

39. On the other hand, this is a new proposed class of protester. I am not considering this as a matter of review but de novo. Further the Claimants' application does not extend to the amendment of the Particulars of Claim in order to plead the essential basis of its case. Whilst these are unusual forms of proceedings which typically do not result in a final trial it is nonetheless necessary to have a case which pleads out the essential basis for the relief which is claimed.

40. Weighing up these matters, I am persuaded that there is sufficient to conclude that absence this amendment and an associated extension of the injunction, there is a real and imminent risk of harm in the same way as justifies the present and continuing orders. I also note that the Manchester order contains no limitation on the particular cause of protestors and that no application has been made to set aside or vary that order in the two years of its life. Furthermore there will be every opportunity for the amendment to be reviewed pursuant to the general liberty to apply.

41. Further, as with all the other applications when first heard in 2024, damages would not be an adequate remedy; and the balance of convenience points very firmly to the grant of relief. I add that the matter goes beyond a serious issue to be tried; the merits of the

claim would satisfy the heightened test which may apply in cases where the injunction is the essential relief which is sought.

42. I will therefore grant the amendment. However I will also require the relevant Claimants to prepare, file and serve Amended Particulars of Claim in respect of this class of protester. This will provide further relevant material in the event that any person seeks to take advantage of the liberty to apply to set aside this amendment.

43. I accede to all the other applications to amend. I will now hear Counsel on the final form and terms of the orders to be made.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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BEFORE:

MR JUSTICE SOOLE

BETWEEN:

(1) LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT LTD
(2) LONDON SOUTHEND SOLAR LTD
(3) THAMES GATEWAY AIRPORT LTD

Claimants

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendant

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1. MR JUSTICE SOOLE: On 14 August 2024 Farbey J granted an injunction to the operators of London Southend Airport in Essex and two subsidiary operators of the airport, namely the first three Claimants in this action. The effect of the injunction was to prohibit Persons Unknown but linked to Just Stop Oil and other environmental campaigns from committing acts of trespass and nuisance at the airport.

2. The order was made for a period of five years until 14 August 2029 but in accordance with the modern practice as endorsed by the Supreme Court in *Wolverhampton City Council & Ors v London Gypsies and Travellers & Ors* [2023] UKSC 47, the order provided that the injunction should be reviewed annually. The first review took place before His Honour Judge Freedman, sitting as a Judge of the High Court, on 22 October 2025. He concluded that there had been no material change of circumstance and that the injunction should be continued.

3. The principles for a review are sufficiently stated in the following observations of the court. In *Wolverhampton* the Supreme Court said at [225] that the review hearing "… will give all parties an opportunity to make full and complete disclosure to the court, supported by appropriate evidence, as to how effective the order has been; whether any reasons or grounds for its discharge have emerged; whether there is any proper justification for its continuance; and whether and on what basis a further order ought to be made."

4. At first instance in *High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2024] EWHC 1277 (KB), Ritchie J, having referred to a number of authorities including *Wolverhampton*, stated at [32]-[33]: "Drawing these authorities together, on a review of an interim injunction against Pus and named Defendants, this Court is not starting de novo. The Judges who have previously made the interim injunctions have made findings justifying the interim injunctions. It is not the task of the Court on review to query or undermine those. However, it is vital to understand why they were made, to read and assimilate the findings, to understand the sub-strata of the quia timet, the reasons for the fear of unlawful direct action. Then it is necessary to determine, on the evidence, whether anything material has changed. If nothing material has changed, if the risk still exists as before and the claimant remains rightly and justifiably fearful of unlawful attacks, the extension may be granted so long as procedural and legal rigour has been observed and

fulfilled. On the other hand, if material matters have changed, the Court is required to analyse the changes, based on the evidence before it, and in the full light of the past decisions, to determine anew, whether the scope, details and need for the full interim injunction should be altered. To do so, the original thresholds for granting the interim injunction still apply."

5. In *Esso Petroleum Co Ltd v Persons Unknown* [2025] EWHC 1768 (KB), Sweeting J, having acknowledged that the primary focus was not to revisit the merits afresh but rather to determine whether the injunction has outlasted the compelling need which led to its initial imposition in view of any changed circumstances, continued that: "…such a review is also an opportunity to make necessary adjustments in the light of experience of the practical operation of the injunction and changing circumstances. The Court should nevertheless be wary of embarking upon fundamental changes to the scope or nature of injunctive relief at a review hearing rather than requiring a further and full application to be made. I also bear in mind that there is no legal presumption of continuance."

6. At this hearing, the Claimants have been represented by Mr Tom Roscoe of counsel and his instructing solicitors. There has been no attendance by or representation on behalf of anybody at all and thus nobody within the definition of Persons Unknown as set out in the heading of the claim form.

Service and notice

7. The first matters to consider are the important formalities of notification of the hearing today and the supply of all relevant and associated documents by the means set out in the order of Farbey J. The details of that are set out in particular in the fourth witness statement of Mr Philip Keith Spencer dated 1 July 2026. He is a senior associate in the Claimants' solicitors. He states at paragraph 4 that the information in this statement "…is intended to amount to the "Certificate of Service" required by paragraph 11.2 of the injunction."

8. There is no Certificate of Service as required by that paragraph but he states that he is providing the information in the form of a witness statement in order to provide greater

detail of the steps that have been taken thn could conveniently be included in a certificate. I accept that what has been provided is greater than that would be provided in a Certificate of Service and in consequence have concluded that it is appropriate to waive noncompliance with that particular formality.

9. I am satisfied that there has been compliance otherwise with all the requirements of service.

The review

10. I turn to the substance of the review and the evidence that is provided by the Claimants. This appears in two forms. First, the third witness statement, dated 17 June 2026, of Mr Spencer. Secondly, the third witness statement, dated 17 June 2026, of Mr Marc Taylor. He is the Managing Director for Operations of the first Claimant and has worked at London Southend Airport for over 27 years.

11. Mr Spencer states that the Claimants' position is that the risk of unlawful direct action being directed at Southend Airport by Just Stop Oil, including potentially under the guise of a new activist organisation or other environmental campaigners, has not abated since the injunction was granted. He affirms that since its grant there have been no breaches of its terms. His clients believe that the lack of direct action against the airport since the grant of the injunction demonstrates its success. However they believe that the underlying risk of unlawful direct action remains unchanged and would be heightened were the injunction not renewed.

12. Mr Spencer recites what was before the judge at the first review hearing. This includes the history of Just Stop Oil's announcement on its website in March 2025 that it would be "hanging up the hi vis" following the Government meeting its initial demand on oil and gas policy. However news reports later in May 2025 suggested that Just Stop Oil were planning on making a comeback. Those reports, he says, were confirmed by an email sent from Just Stop Oil to London City Airport's solicitors on 24 June 2025. He says he has no reason to believe that Just Stop Oil have resiled from their position.

13. Mr Spencer continues that the injunction was originally granted in the context of Just Stop Oil threatening to cause a summer of chaos. Summer remains an attractive target to disrupt aviation in the holiday period. He then refers to the emergence of a new civil resistance group called Take Back Power and notes that the Just Stop Oil website refers website visitors to its website. He exhibits a screenshot thereof, together with other pieces of publicity.

14. He states that it appears that Take Back Power is a project under the Just Stop Oil umbrella and in any case a movement which involves present or former members of Just Stop Oil.

15. He then refers to the landing page for the website of an organisation called Youth Demand, previously described in the press as JSO2.0, directing visitors to Take Back Power's website and displaying the same message as Just Stop Oil's website. He states that according to Take Back Power's website, its demand of the government is to institute a house of the people with powers to tax the super-rich in order to fix Britain. Whilst that is their primary demand, their website indicates that environmental policy is also one of its concerns. It states, for example, that the "super-rich" profit from "heating the world to boiling point".

16. The website refers to the success of Just Stop Oil's direct action activities and explains that disruptive and direct action is shown by history to be a necessary part of social change and refers to what it says is the success of Just Stop Oil in affecting government policy. Mr Spencer states that Take Back Power's direct action activities, since apparently forming in December 2025, include protests within the Ritz Hotel and Harrods; at a Ferrari dealership; orchestrating activities across London, taking produce from a supermarket, protesting at Liberty and disrupting access to Claridges.

17. He says that whilst the target of their direct action activities mention the super-rich and its direct action activities to date appear to have targeted the luxury retail sector, his client considers that its existence poses a real risk of direct action against the airport. This is for the following particular reasons:

    1. Take Back Power's apparent connection to Just Stop Oil;

2. The fact that commercial airlines and their ultimate owners which operate from Southend are likely to be a potential target of demonstrations given their status as high profile commercial entities and with a perceived affiliation to the super-rich and their consumption of oil;

3. The fact that private aviation also operates at the Southend Airport, in particular from its Jet Centre; and

4. The airport regularly hosting the RAF Red Arrows and RAF Typhoon Jet Fighter Aircraft and other high profile aviation events.

18. In any event, as to environmental climate campaign groups, he states that the airport believes that there remains a threat posed by other environmental campaign groups, such as Fossil Free London, Extinction Rebellion and Shut the System.

19. Fossil Free London have staged protests directed at the oil and gas centre, including a demonstration outside Shell's London headquarters in May 2026.

20. Extinction Rebellion remain an active group and he refers to articles on their website and how they were gaining strength. The article goes on to refer to a protester demonstration held at RAF Lakenheath in April this year. He says this shows that aviation sites remain a target of protester action; but that example relates to the US and Israel actions in the Middle East.

21. He refers to Shut the System as an active group which has been, for example, targeting a supplier energy company Drax in April 2026 with slingshot rocks and using tools to attempt to cut into the workshop of a defence and aerospace company in the Midlands.

22. He says that private aviation has been in the past and remains a prime target for environmental activist protests. He refers to the targeting of both Oxford Airport and Inverness Airport by Extinction Rebellion last year for protests against private jets. I understand there have been no such protests since the order of HHJ Freedman continuing the injunction.

23. Mr Spencer concludes they remain active groups who wish and intend to use unlawful direct action to further their causes and that the airport is likely to remain a high profile and attractive target for unlawful direct action activities. He suggests that the likely inference is that the cessation of direct action protests at the airport is a reflection of the success of the injunction, which has received wide publicity, rather than any material reduction in the underlying risk of such activities occurring in the absence of an injunction.

24. He observes next that Southend is not the only airport to have a hearing listed for their second annual review. He states, as is correct, that there was a hearing which took place on 30 June 2026 in effect of four actions brought by London City Airport, Manchester Airport, Stanstead Airport, East Midlands Airport, Leeds Bradford Airport, Luton Airport, Newcastle Airport, Birmingham Airport, Bristol Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport. That hearing was listed before me on 30 June 2026. I made the orders that were sought, including a matter to which I will return, namely the expansion of the definition of Persons Unknown so as to include wealth inequality campaigners as well as environmental campaigners. Having said that, I of course acknowledge that each application has to be looked at in its own terms.

25. I turn to the third witness statement of Mr Taylor. He states that the injunction has continued to be a proven deterrent and there has been no protest activity within the boundary of the airport since its commencement. Operations of the airport have continued to grow and it is currently the UK's fastest growing airport. Amongst other things, this year there has been a 113% increase in business and aviation charters serving VIP clients and business individuals through the Jet Centre.

26. As to what he describes as the ongoing threat, Mr Taylor refers back to and endorses the observations of Mr Spencer in his third witness statement. He expresses the particular concern that the airport's Jet Centre may be a particular target. He refers back to the earlier episodes at Oxford Airport involving Extinction Rebellion on 5 July 2025 and then in 2024 at Stansted Airport when a private jet was sprayed with orange paint.

27. He continues that, from an operational perspective, any risk to Southend Airport is exacerbated by the fact that all other London airports and nearly all other major UK

airports have dedicated high profile armed policing teams based onsite. Southend does not yet have any police based onsite and relies purely on response from the local policing teams. He refers to an unusual incident which occurred on 8 June 2026 at Southend Airport involving a group of 48 students. It is a somewhat perplexing incident. In the light of the details of that event Mr Roscoe rightly did not seek to rely on it.

Application to amend

28. In addition to the request for the review, the Claimants have by application notice dated 26 June 2026 sought to expand the definition of Persons Unknown in a similar way to that of the 10 airports to whom that relief was granted two days ago. The application notice in those cases was dated 18 June 2026 and was duly lodged and notified in accordance with the requirements in the underlying orders. The Claimants in this action first had notice of that application from the skeleton argument of the 10 airports claimants which was uploaded on 25 June 2026. That resulted in the preparation of this application of 26 June 2026, which has been now issued and sealed.

29. The evidence of steps to notify the Persons Unknown is set out in the fourth witness statement of Mr Spencer dated 1 July 2026. This states that his firm emailed the application documents in draft to the email addresses listed in the order of Farbey J at 7.11 pm on 26 June; and that they affixed notices at locations identified in that same order on Saturday 27 June. He exhibits an image of that notice. Thus the application is notified both online and in hardcopy on those points.

30. The application documents were uploaded in draft to the Claimants' injunction website on Sunday 28 June. The solicitors also emailed Take Back Power's email addresses on the evening of 26 June to inform them both of the second review hearing and the application. On Sunday 28 June emails to the same addresses informed them that the application documents in draft had been uploaded to the website. Mr Spencer states that upon receipt of the sealed application notice from the court, the Claimants' solicitor will upload to the website an email to the requisite addresses and also make the sealed application available at the train station, which is one of the required locations. I am told that the sealed application notice has been now received and has been uploaded and emailed accordingly.

31. On 29 June before 4 p.m. the Claimants filed their skeleton argument for the second review and the solicitors uploaded their skeleton argument and authorities bundle to the website just after 6 pm on the same day; and in other ways made documents available on that date.

32. As confirmed at today's hearing, there has been no response. Mr Roscoe acknowledges that in respect of the issued application there has been less than three days' notice required by CPR 23.7(1)(b). He submits that they have had the unsealed documents for that period of time and he also points out that the application is the same on substance as that which was heard on 30 June 2026 and to which there has been no response. He contends that no prejudice has resulted.

33. I am content to deal with the application today and for that purpose to abridge time accordingly. I am satisfied that the best possible steps have been taken and that no prejudice has been suffered. In any event, any continuing injunction and order allowing amendment would each be subject to the usual liberty to apply. This affords protection if somebody wishes to come back and object to the course that has been taken.

Submissions

34. Supported by the evidence which I have described, Mr Roscoe submits that there is an ongoing threat that such conduct as required the original injunction would re-emerge if the injunction were not continued. In short, that there continues to be a real and imminent risk of serious harm which compels continuation of injunctive relief,

35. He acknowledges that it might be argued that the absence of any breaches of the order gives rise to an implication that the threat had receded and therefore that this relief is no longer required. In response he submits that the evidence suggests that the effect of injunctions is to divert direct action into other areas which are not protected by an injunction. He has taken me through the material from the various campaigning organisations and the terms in which they are written. He emphasises the important position of the airport as a private aviation centre and the risk that this could involve.

36. Mr Roscoe also makes the point that, in circumstances where the recent review in respect of other airports has taken place and resulted in the continuation of the orders and also the expansion of the definition of Persons Unknown, the fact of that would add to the risk that campaigners would turn their attention to an airport that was unprotected. I take that into account as well as reminding myself that I look at each application on its own merits.

37. All in all, he submits that there is no material change of circumstance and that the right course is to continue the order made by Farbey J in 2024.

38. As to the application to amend, Mr Roscoe submits that environmental and wealth inequality campaigns do not exist in separate silos. As demonstrated by the publicity material which is exhibited, they are to a very great extent interwoven. That is most obviously so, he submits, in respect of private aviation whereby wealthy individuals are in a position to undertake activities which climate change campaigners regard as particularly destructive, namely in the respect of the use of private jets. Acknowledging that it might be argued that there was no need to make the amendment, he submits that there is or may be a potential loophole that should be closed.

Conclusions

39. Having considered the appropriate approach to review hearings as set out in the authorities and to all of the evidence which has been placed before me, I am quite satisfied that the injunctions should continue. In my judgment, the fact that the injunctions have been effective does not give any cause for relaxation. In the event that they were to be lifted, I am quite satisfied that the real and imminent risk of serious harm would continue; and that it is necessary to protect this airport, like the others, against it. The private jet facility is a very particular concern but it is only one of the matters which influenced my overall decision. In short, I conclude that there has been no material change of circumstance and that there is no other reason in any of the circumstances of the case not to continue with the order.

40. I am also persuaded that it is appropriate to grant the amendment of the claim form so as to expand the definition of Persons Unknown. I think it right to prevent there being any

such loophole. There is an evident and close link between the wealth inequality and environmental campaigns, both organisationally and in substance.

41. On reflection I do not consider that the proposed amendment is something which should be treated as a fundamental change to the scope or nature of the injunctive relief, nor therefore to be considered de novo. It is something which the review occasion is entitled to consider, the potential loophole having become apparent. To the extent that the further evidence of wealth inequality campaigning activity shows any change of circumstances, in my judgment it compels the amendment which is sought. In any event, even if required to consider the matter de novo, I have no doubt that from the outset such campaigns, linked as they are to environmental campaigning, share the same potential target; and that there is a compelling need for these claimants also to have protection from such campaigns.

42. As I made clear to Mr Roscoe in argument, my qualification is that, as in the applications by the 10 airports on 30 June, I consider it appropriate to require the Claimants to amend their Particulars of Claim not only as to the title of the Defendants but also as to the essential facts upon which they rely in respect of the wealth inequality campaigners. This they have done in a draft today and I am satisfied with its terms.

43. In reaching these decisions I have kept very firmly in mind the cherished right of protest. Nothing in this judgment undermines that importance; but it does not justify the incursions onto private property and/or nuisance which in the light of the evidence are rightly apprehended in the absence of injunctive protection.

44. I have heard from Counsel and discussed the appropriate form of order. Further drafting is necessary, which I will review later today.

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Friday, 17 July 2026

BEFORE

MR JUSTICE SOOLE

BETWEEN:

GATWICK AIRPORT LTD

Claimant

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

Mr T MORSHEAD and **Ms E BARDEN** appeared on behalf of the Claimant

THE DEFENDANTS did not appear and were not represented

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1. MR JUSTICE SOOLE: This is the second annual review of the injunction that was granted to the claimant airport by Ritchie J on 19 July 2024. The first review took place before Mr Duncan Atkinson, KC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court on 18 July 2025. The Claimant appears by leading and junior Counsel. There is no attendance by or representation on behalf of any person and in particular any person falling within the definition of "Persons Unknown". The injunction granted by Ritchie J was in respect of the restraint by precautionary injunction of those who might be protesting about fossil fuels or the environment at Gatwick airport. The causes of action were and are in trespass and private nuisance. It is unnecessary on a review to set out the background to the order that was made.

2. The test to be applied at a review hearing is set out in its essence in the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Wolverhampton City Council v London Gypsies and Travellers* [2024] AC 983, where at [225] the Court indicated that such review hearings would "... give all parties an opportunity to make full and complete disclosure to the court, supported by appropriate evidence, as to how effective the order has been; whether any reasons or grounds for its discharge have emerged; whether there is any proper justification for its continuance; and whether and on what basis a further order ought to be made."

3. In a number of subsequent first instance decisions High Court judges have elaborated on the process to be followed, including in particular that the court is not on a review starting de novo. The question is whether there has been any material change of circumstance which might affect the decision on whether the order should continue, and if so, on what terms. Those cases are helpfully cited by Lambert J in her decision on a review in *Valero Energy Ltd & Ors v Persons Unknown & Ors* [2026] EWHC 397 (KB) at [5]-[13].

4. As to the procedural aspects of this application, the steps taken by the Claimant are set out in the witness statement of Mr Leon Culot, a senior associate in the Claimant's solicitors. His statement, dated 10 July 2026, identifies the steps that have been taken to notify potential defendants of this review hearing, steps taken in accordance with paragraph 4 of the injunction order of Ritchie J. Further steps have been taken in sending an email to a number of email addresses, including addresses not previously deployed or

required, in particular relating to other campaigning organisations protesting about these and related matters, namely Take Back Power, Fossil Free London, Youth Demand and Shut The System. Mr Culot also sets out steps taken in accordance with the injunction order to affix warning notices appropriately. I am satisfied that all necessary steps have been taken, both in accordance with the existing order and in order to ensure that notice of this review hearing is given as widely as possible, including to those further organisations.

5. As to the substance, the updated information is provided by the witness statement of Mr Graeme James Robertson of counsel in the claimant's solicitor's firm. This sets out the steps that were taken to give due notice of the review order of 2025 made by Mr Duncan Atkinson KC, which continued the order with a minor revision. It then sets out the various injunction orders that have been made in respect of a number of other airports across the country and of the second annual review of those injunction orders which have taken place between 30 June 2026 and 9 July 2026. In fact, in every case I was the judge who made those orders, the effect of which was to continue the injunctions in each case. That is material background which I bear in mind, whilst of course looking at this application individually. Mr Robertson reminds the court that London Gatwick Airport is the second largest airport in the UK after Heathrow. Noting the continuing injunctions in respect of so many other airports, he observes that London Gatwick would be particularly exposed if it were the only major English airport without the continuing protection of an injunction in place. It is the view of his clients that such a situation would increase the risk that London Gatwick would be targeted by protesters over the summer months.

6. Mr Robertson also points out that on 21 September 2025 the Secretary of State for Transport granted development consent to the claimant for its Northern Runway Project to bring the existing northern runway at Gatwick into routine use alongside the main runway. This application had led to considerable objections, a common theme in which was the perceived environmental harm, including the effect of increased greenhouse gas emissions. Two objectors have brought claims for judicial review of the grant of development consent, and these were heard together by Mould J in late January 2026. His judgment was handed down on 23 June 2026 and, as Mr Culot's statement records, dismissed the claims for judicial review in their entirety.

7. Mr Robertson states that the Claimant is concerned that this particular focus on the Northern Runway Project and associated interest from objectors heightens the risk that the airport will be targeted by environmental protesters over the summer months if the injunction is not continued. He also exhibits an email of 16 June 2026 from Mr Justin Berkenshaw, the Chief Superintendent of Sussex Police and the head of protective security command with responsibility for London Gatwick Airport. He says that he would "very much welcome" the continuation of the order and expresses the view "that there is a real risk that Gatwick will be targeted again in the future", and "that the injunction is a useful and necessary tool to support Sussex Police's ability to keep the airport safe and operational".

8. Mr Robertson then sets out a number of matters which have happened since the second review hearing in 2025. He refers to a protest by Extinction Rebellion, on 20 January 2026 outside the headquarters of Macquarie Group, against the proposed expansion of Farnborough Airport. A banner was unfurled calling for a ban on private jets and urging that body, an investment firm, to sever its connections to fossil fuels. He refers to various criminal proceedings which have been unfolding relating to protests back in July 2024 and June 2024. The statement acknowledges that there has not been a disruptive protest activity at UK airports since the 2025 order. Mr Robertson states that he considers it possible that the injunction and the equivalent orders granted to the other airports may be having a deterrent effect on such forms of protest, and that potential protesters of this nature may be targeting their activities at locations that are not protected by an injunction.

9. The statement then sets out the background of Just Stop Oil's apparent abandonment in mid-2025 of its campaign followed by evidence of a change of heart later in 2025; and then refers to the emergence of other organisations to which Just Stop Oil was linked, in particular Take Back Power. The statement exhibits material from the relevant websites of both Just Stop Oil and Take Back Power. The latter in particular focuses on the conduct of the 'super-rich' and their conduct. Whilst focused more broadly on wealth inequality, it also points, for example in a screenshot that was taken on 9 June 2026, to the alleged conduct of the 'super-rich' in 'heating the world to boiling point'. The statement then sets out information about various actions taken by Take Back Power to

make their case, with protest activities at the Tower of London in December 2025, at the Ritz Hotel in the same month and also activities in April 2026 at Sotheby's and at a Ferrari dealership in Berkeley Square. He points to the reference often made to the use of private jets. The statement also refers to the activities of groups such as the Extinction Rebellion, Fossil Free London, Youth Demand and Shut The System.

10. The Claimant makes clear its acknowledgement of the right to non-violent protest in a way which does not involve trespass and private nuisance. Indeed it has provided facilities for one campaigning group in respect of animal welfare to stage a protest in a designated area of the airport on 21 July 2026, i.e. in four days' time. However, the claimant contends, and Mr Morshead KC submits, that there remains a compelling need for the precautionary injunction to continue. There remains, it is submitted, a real and imminent risk of harm to the airport if the injunction were to be lifted. It is said that the fact that there have been no breaches of the injunction at Gatwick since it was imposed emphasises the importance of injunctions as a deterrent. It does not follow, they submit, that there can be or should be any relaxation. The evidence shows that, as injunctions are in place, protest activities move to alternative sites. It does not mean that there is no longer the imminent and real risk of harm uncompensatable by damages that would result. I am also reminded, as I have been in other cases, of the raised alert from significant to severe in respect of the terrorism threat which was effected by the relevant authority on 30 April 2026. That is not to suggest that any of those within this definition are acting as terrorists; rather, as before, the concern is that if protests on the sites were to take place, they would readily result in the sort of chaos which others who have motives of terrorism would exploit and most dangerously.

11. Any such review has to consider very carefully whether it is appropriate to continue the order. In doing so, as in all the other cases, I keep very firmly in mind the cherished importance of the right of protest and public speech. However I am quite satisfied for all the reasons that have been advanced by the claimant in its evidence and through submissions today that there is no material change of circumstance and that it is necessary, compellingly necessary, for the injunction to be continued. Accordingly I so order. I add that in order to ensure that anybody potentially affected by the order has only one document which they need to consult, I require, as I have done in the other

airport cases, a fresh order to be made today which contains the restraint and all information about addresses and places for notification.

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Communities Rise for Climate Justice – But Face Growing Threats from Extremists

November 18, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

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"This World is Ours: Resist. Reclaim. Rise up!"

Climate Change is real. The planet is heating, primarily as a result of the burning of fossil fuels. In the resulting chaos, the thirtieth Conference of the Parties (COP30) is meeting in Belem, Brazil.

Extinction Rebellion UK and allies across the UK joined the Climate Justice Coalition for the COP30 Global Day of Action. All over the world, peoples and communities are fighting for survival, for their rights and for justice. We stand in resistance in the face of economic turmoil, climate catastrophe, attacks on human rights and genocide in places like Palestine, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan.

In Manchester, protesters from a coalition of climate movements demanded the UK government honour its climate commitments, show maximum ambition for ending deforestation and seek justice for impacted communities. The government must make polluters pay to help fund the green and just transition that's desperately needed for workers in both the UK and beyond.

A peaceful march, pre-liaised with the Police, was led by families with children to send a clear message about whose future is at stake. Striking performances including the Extinction Rebellion Oilslicks, satirical disco dancers and a forest themed dress code took place.





Sadly the event was marred by disruption from external groups who proceeded to harass and film at close quarters shouting insults, swearing and using violent language in an attempt to provoke a reaction. Some were pushed and shoved while parents attempted to shield their children. Others were threatened. It is reported that people were chased and violently assaulted by the disruptors.



Video credit: Stuart Spray

An Extinction Rebellion spokesperson said:
“We remained calm, unprovoked and determined to get our climate related messages across while being constantly harassed at close range”

In a statement to participants, organisers said:
“We are very grateful to all those who took part – from parents associations, faith groups, environmental groups, trade unions, peace and anti racism groups and supporters of Palestine and Sudan. Our solidarity will not be broken by people who share none of our values and whose ideology is based on hatred and division…”

“Greater Manchester Climate Justice Coalition calls on the Police to take much stronger action against these aggressive and disruptive groups, and to uphold the right to peaceful protest.”

Asad Rehman, Friends of the Earth executive director said:
“Friends of the Earth is deeply disturbed that far-right extremists violently targeted a peaceful climate protest in Manchester at the weekend. What was a moment to bring communities together in shared care for people and planet was instead marred by disgraceful attacks that left three people injured and many more shaken.”

Despite overwhelming odds, resistance and struggles for change are alive. The world may be unravelling, but it is also being rewoven, community by community. In

Manchester, as in every part of the world, people are fighting for their survival and their future.

Together we will strengthen and build networks rooted in care, solidarity, and radical hope.

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A climate activist threatened to bring a decades-long tradition to a halt - after scaling the annual **Christmas** tree gifted by Norway to the UK right at the moment it was being felled.

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Extinction Rebellion Wimborne marks COP30 with protest

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XR Wimborne marks COP30 with climate testimonies on local footbridge *(Image: Supplied)*



By Deb Gayen-Bartlett
Reporter

Extinction Rebellion (XR) Wimborne gathered on a footbridge to mark COP30 by reading climate change testimonies.

The group braved freezing conditions on Thursday, November 20 and persistent rain on Saturday, November 23, to share stories from people already affected by climate breakdown.

The aim was to highlight the plight of those in the Global South, who they say are suffering most from climate change despite contributing least to it.

Shirley Belwood, a local XR member, said: "Our placards said it plainly: Those who did the least suffer the most."



Activists share stories from Global South amid freezing, rainy conditions *(Image: Supplied)*

She criticised COP30 for ignoring frontline communities, saying, "As COP30 sidelines frontline communities, we refuse to let their truths go unheard."

Among the testimonies was Juan Carlos Monterrey Gómez, Panama’s special representative for climate change, who said global emissions had more than doubled in the past 33 years.

He called for a global phase-out of fossil fuels, criticising the payment of subsidies to fossil fuel producers.

Participants also heard from Kaddijatou Ceesay, a young climate activist from The Gambia, who urged negotiators to recognise the rights of children and youth and deliver a "full, fast and fair phase-out of fossil fuels".

XR Wimborne encouraged residents to take action by contacting their MPs, reducing personal emissions and switching to ethical banks not funding fossil fuel expansion.

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Extinction Rebellion stage protest in London opposing Farnborough airport expansion

Extinction Rebellion campaigners gather outside the Macquarie Group headquarters in London to protest the proposed expansion of Farnborough Airport. Two activists, dressed in airplane costumes, occupy the entrance canopy while unfurling a banner that calls for a ban on private jets and urges the investment firm to sever its connections to fossil fuels. The demonstration highlights the environmental impact of business aviation, as the Australian-based global financial services group faces criticism over its majority ownership of the airport and its plans to increase annual flight limits. See less

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Demonstration cut the ties to fossil fuels 2026 in London, UK

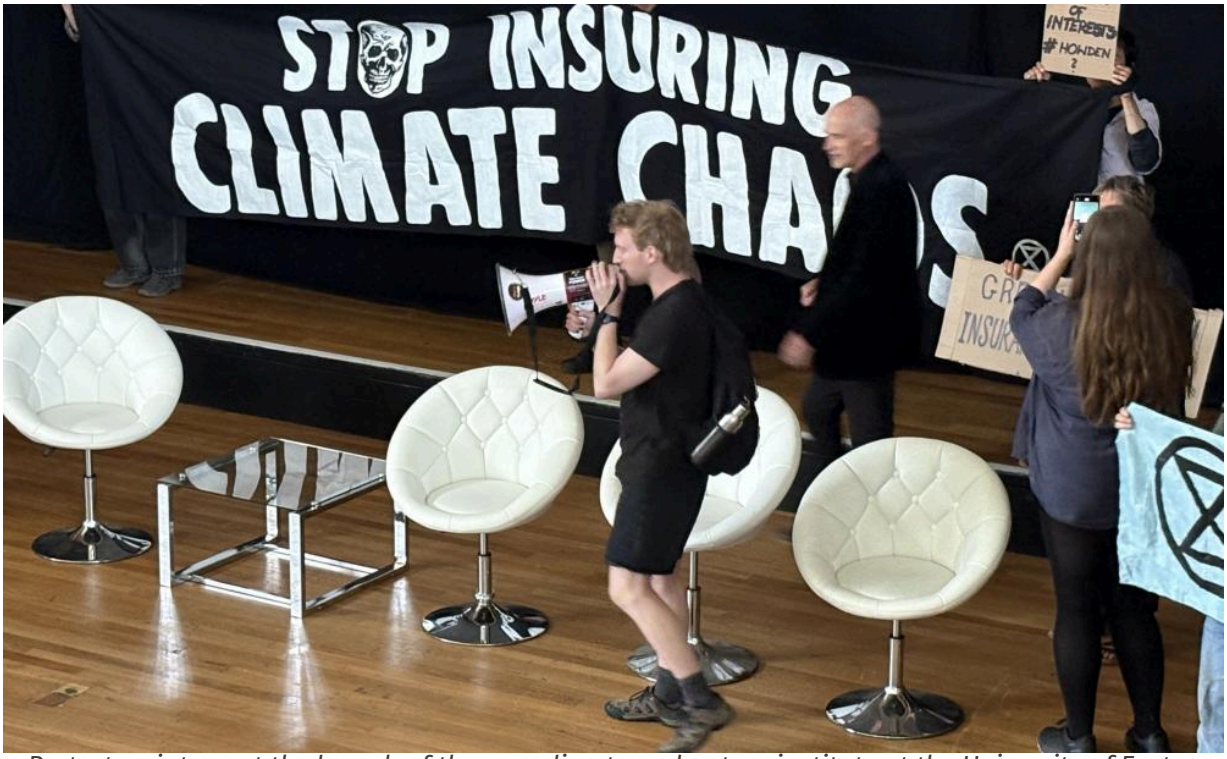
London, England, 20th January 2026: Activist arrested at the Demonstration: Cut the Ties to Fossil Fuels 2026 - Extinction Rebellion protests against the proposed expansion of Farnborough Airport to private jets and urges the 'Cut the Ties' investment in fossil fuels outside the Macquarie Group headquarters. See less

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The Ecologist

Activists upstage climate institute launch

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Protesters interrupt the launch of the new climate and nature institute at the University of Exeter. Image: Brendan Montague / The Ecologist / Creative Commons 4.0.

Protests hit week-long gathering "designed to inspire bold action on the climate emergency" at the University of Exeter.

The new Climate and Environment Institute was launched today by the University of Exeter to "harness the full extent" of the academic institution's "world-leading expertise" to solve the biggest crisis facing the planet.

The event was interrupted by climate activists from Extinction Rebellion (XR) protesting the sponsorship from the insurance group Howden (pictured). The insurance firm has been repeatedly targeted by XR local groups for "enabling climate-wrecking fossil fuel projects by brokering insurance for oil drilling, coal mining, and oil infrastructure."





Howden clients include what it describes as “multinational mega-corporations” - including oil, gas, petrochemical and shale gas companies. It has more than 100 branches across the UK for home and car insurance.

Shameless

Jonathan Parker, who is studying a Global Sustainability MSc at the University of Exeter, led the stage occupation. He told *The Ecologist*: "Having a major fossil fuel insurance company at a climate science conference is utter madness.

"After one of the worst heatwaves the UK has ever seen, it should be clearer than ever that we need radical action to ensure a livable future. There should be no place for dirty money in a conference that is serious about real climate action."

Jonathon Porritt, the veteran environmentalist, supported the protest. He said: “The lack of leadership in the insurance industry is despicable. Its shareholders should be rising up in revolt.

“Failing that, citizens should be spearheading that revolt – and why not start with Howden Insurance, and the shameless decision by Exeter University to use some of Howden’s dirty money to sponsor a conference about climate change.”

Sarah Finch, awarded the 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize which honors the achievements and leadership of grassroots environmental activists from around the world, voiced her support for the action.

She said: "Insurers like Howden know the risks associated with burning oil and gas better than anyone. So why are they still underwriting new fossil fuel projects? This is literally driving the climate crisis. Allowing Howden to sponsor the Exeter Climate Forum gives them an undeserved green veneer and is completely inappropriate."

Policymakers

The new institute launch followed London Climate Action Week and fell within a month of record-breaking temperatures across Britain and Europe.

Professor Patrick Devine-Wright, director of the Advancing Capacity in Climate and Environment Social Science project and Professor in Human Geography at the University of Exeter will lead the new institute.

> ***"Having a major fossil fuel insurance company at a climate science conference is utter madness."***

Professor Devine-Wright said: "This is an exciting moment as we renew our environment and climate-facing research capabilities with an ambition that matches the scale of the crises we face. The new institute will be oriented towards courageous, interdisciplinary collaborations and inclusive, engaged research in partnership with our stakeholders.

"Together, we can conduct research of the highest quality, contributing positively to tackling environmental problems in an increasingly divided world."

Professor Lisa Roberts, president and vice chancellor of the University of Exeter, said: "The climate emergency is the greatest challenge facing humanity today, so it is vital that we bring to bear the power of our collective efforts to address these challenges with the boldest of actions.

"The wide variety of delegates here today – drawn from policymakers, business leaders, civil society and researchers – show us just how important it is to engage everybody in this fight.

Meaningful

"Here at the University of Exeter, we are incredibly proud to be playing our part in driving meaningful action on climate change, whether through engaging global policymakers with the latest science; discovering sustainable methods for extracting the critical minerals needed for a low-carbon future; or by interrogating the potential health impacts of a changing climate."

She added: "Together we have come so far in the fight for our planet. And I remain confident that if we continue to engage with each other, and learn from each other, that we will make a real and lasting impact in our quest to turn the tide on climate change."

The institute was launched at the Exeter Climate Forum, which includes the Exeter Climate Conference and will explore cross-cutting themes shaping global climate strategy, including the carbon cycle, positive tipping points, climate and health, and extreme weather and modelling.

Stuart Brocklehurst, deputy vice chancellor for Business Engagement and Innovation at the University of Exeter said: "Meaningful action on climate change requires those who make decisions to engage with the latest research, and for those doing that research to understand what those decision makers need to know.

"The Exeter Climate Forum creates an environment for collaboration and for reflection, with some hard-nosed working sessions addressing practical issues raised by governments. It's great to welcome guests from across the world to Devon, and to play our part on this most vital issue."



Professor Lisa Roberts, president and vice chancellor of the University of Exeter (left) is interrupted by climate protesters. Image: Brendan Montague / The Ecologist / Creative Commons 4.0.

Transition

The Exeter Climate Forum is taking place at the university's Streatham Campus in Exeter and is sponsored by Howden. The Howden website confirms it insures companies working in the fossil fuel industry. "Our natural resources practice brings together insurance specialists across a full spectrum of energy, power and mining risks that span conventional and transition technologies," it boasts.

Isabelle Cadignan, climate co-lead at Howden, said: "Climate risk is evolving rapidly, and building resilience depends on the best available science being translated into practical action. We're proud to continue supporting excellence in climate science through the

Exeter Climate Forum and the launch of the university's new climate and environment institute."

Insurers are increasingly refusing to insure properties that are located in flood-prone areas while rising insurance premiums in flood-risk areas mean many people are unable to afford cover. Earlier this year, XR disrupted an insurance industry conference which was being hosted at Howden's London headquarters.

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EV sales accelerate, petrol cars stall

Brendan Montague | 19th May 2026

'Tipping point' for electric vehicles reached in Europe and China.



Extinction Rebellion protesters take to the streets over government's secret climate crisis report

September 14, 2026 by Extinction Rebellion

View and download high resolution press images of the event here: https://show.pics.io/xr-global-media-breaking-news/search?collectionIds=6aa6d33434b3214252a5e71b

Extinction Rebellion supporters from across the UK marched in London today demanding that the government publish the full, unredacted National Security Assessment and outline a plan for the dangers it identifies.

People from all walks of life joined the loud protest, banging on decorated pots and pans

through the streets behind a giant casserole, symbolising how “we are all in the same soup – and it’s coming to the boil!”

The National Security Assessment is a report compiled by scientists for the UK government, highlighting serious threats to UK security from biodiversity loss, including flooding, drought, food shortages, extreme heat, and mass displacement. The government published only a redacted version, and did so only after a Freedom of Information request. A longer version exists and has reportedly been seen by media organisations. Yet even Parliament’s Environmental Audit Committee says it was refused access.

Extinction Rebellion says the public must be allowed to see the whole assessment and take part in deciding how the country prepares for the risks ahead.

A spokesperson for Extinction Rebellion said:

> *“Extinction Rebellion has demanded the truth about the climate and ecological emergency since 2018. Today’s turnout showed that people are ready not only to hear the truth but also to step into their collective power and insist on a plan. The full assessment should be made public. Everyone needs to know what is coming, and everyone must have a voice in deciding what happens next.”*

The demonstration was led by “Le Crucible”: a giant casserole carried at shoulder height, representing a planet becoming “too hot to handle”. Protesters carried it through the streets alongside flame placards and large structures representing the soup’s contents: a giant frog; a chilli pepper standing for the spice of revolt; a potato representing famine; an Atlantic salmon symbolising biodiversity loss in warming seas; various herbs standing for the growing extinction of plant species; and human arms waving frantically from the broth as it reached boiling point. The name of the spectacle was also symbolic, as a “Crucible” is a vessel built to withstand immense heat and a melting pot in which different substances meet under pressure. It represented the severe test created by the climate and ecological crisis and the possibility that pressure can force transformation.


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Behind “Le Crucible” marched 12 people dressed as “Redacted Rebels” in white hazmat suits, each carrying a large placard displaying information about the government’s blacked-out National Security Assessment. Other protesters carried banners reading “TELL THE TRUTH” and “CLIMATE IS A BURNING ISSUE”. At the heart of the procession was a mass “cacerolazo”: a large, diverse crowd banged ladles on decorated saucepans, frying pans, and other kitchenware, creating a deafening roar that alternated with an ear-ringing silence.

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Climate emergency declaration scrapped by council



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Protesters gathered ahead of the full council meeting on Wednesday

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Calderdale Council has voted to scrap its climate emergency declaration several years after it was introduced.

The decision was made by the Reform UK-led administration, despite its leader Dan Sutherland having proposed the original declaration when he was

a Labour councillor in 2019, saying immediate action was needed.

Protesters gathered outside Halifax Town Hall before Wednesday's meeting, with two members of the public removed from the gallery during the debate.

Reform councillor Connor Dent told the meeting scrapping the declaration was not because "we should care less about our environment", but questioned whether it gave "the best possible outcomes" for residents and the environment.

During the meeting, a 90-year-old protester was among those escorted out by security staff after shouting that scientists had said there was a climate emergency and it should not be ignored.

After another two interruptions, the public gallery was ordered to be cleared, but eventually remaining members of the public were allowed to stay on the basis that they would not further interrupt the debate.



GEMMA DILLON/BBC

Reform UK leader of Calderdale Council, Dan Sutherland, had proposed the original climate emergency declaration in 2019

The decision in Calderdale **follows similar moves by other Reform-led councils**, including Wakefield, which recently voted to "undeclare" the climate emergency the authority had unanimously backed in 2019.

Outlining Calderdale's proposals, Dent said every pound spent by the council must be justified, and environmental policy must deliver real benefits and not just look good on paper.

He said changes shaped by the policy, including building cycle lanes, had caused congestion and a loss of parking spaces which residents had

questioned.

He added that the expected increases in the level of cycling had not materialised.

Dent also said the policy had "disconnected" from local worries, citing a battery energy storage plant being given planning permission at Holmfield in Halifax.

Supporting him, Reform councillor Mike Payne said practical, proportionate, safe environmental measures that benefited residents would be supported, but not "virtue signalling".



Protester Ali Bath said she wanted to protect her community

Opposing the motion, Labour councillor Scott Patient said Reform-led councils were following the party line.

He said the declaration had helped secure £150m for projects, including home insulation, flood resilience and public buildings, and argued that any savings from scrapping it would be minimal.

Supporting him, Councillor Martin Hey, leader of the Green Party group, said that climate initiatives had helped create a green economy worth millions of pounds, according to the **Local Democracy Reporting Service**.

Before the meeting, councillors were lobbied by residents and groups, including Green New Deal and Extinction Rebellion, who voiced concerns about the council's withdrawal from the commitment.

One campaigner, Ali Bath, from Extinction Rebellion, said the previous administration had tried to tackle the issue, but that was now under threat.

She added: "There are huge impacts on our everyday lives and I don't know how communities are going to cope. I don't think people are prepared."

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The UK government has entered full climate denial by approving Shell's Jackdaw gas field in October 2026. But worse could yet come in the form of **Rosebank** – a far bigger, far dirtier, and far more dangerous oil field.

Our weekly protests against Rosebank and Jackdaw have been covered over **400 times** by national media since Andy Burnham came to power. We've shaped the country's conversation and pressured the government into delaying Rosebank.

But we won't stop until they rule it out for good. We're powered by volunteer organisers who make our work possible. **Here is how you can help...**

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Campaigns



What we do

Our city will not be a welcoming home for Big Oil.

We use visible and disruptive protest actions to challenge fossil fuel corporations and their enablers here in London.

We speak truth to power, countering the propaganda of the fossil fuel machine.

Fossil Free London is a welcoming, productive and empowering space. Anyone who agrees with our mission and values can join us and **there is a role for everyone.**

Our campaigns

Our Anti Oil and Gas campaign strand works to counter key fossil fuel corporations (like Shell) and new oil & gas projects (like Rosebank).

Our Fossil Free Anti-Fascism strand campaigns against fossil-fuel-backed leaders like Trump and Farage, and seeks out new alliances to support our comrades in the anti-fascist movement, to find old and new ways to resist together. We understand that ascendant fascism will erode climate wins and must be resisted.

We also work to **defend the right to protest**, which is core to what we do.

Our wins

We're pushing against the tide of climate collapse, which is well on its way.

But we've made some serious waves over the past few years. We **shut down one of London's biggest oil conferences**, had over 5 million of you watch us **crash a glitzy dinner celebrating Trump's state visit**, brought thousands of people to the streets to **protest Rosebank** and **got a far-right party cancelled**. **What will you help us do next?**



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In London?

Come to a welcome talk! See what we're all about, meet like minded people and start taking action for climate justice.

Sign up to a welcome talk here

If you can't make any of these times, email operations@fossilfreelondon.org and we'll schedule a quick call at a time that works for you.

Outside of London?

Sign up to our mailing list and receive updates on our activity. Make sure we don't need to rely on big tech platforms to get our message

out to you.

Donate here to support our mission in making London inhospitable to the fossil fuel industry.

You're invited! Upcoming events...

COP31 Protest to Stop Rosebank: 14/11 | The Treasury | 11am

As COP31 puts the climate crisis on the front pages, Fossil Free London will rally with the Climate Justice Coalition at the heart of government and show our leaders just how hard we will fight Rosebank and all new oil and gas.

Climate Distress Listening Circles: Pelican House, 144 Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green, E1 5QJ.

Join us for a series of four listening circles focused on our distress at the state of the climate. Whether you are scared, grieving, angry or unsure, you will find a safe, confidential space for climate activists and others to deal with feelings about the situation we face. The first session will start at 19:00 (please arrive early for a prompt start), and all following sessions will start at 18:30.

- RSVP November 27
- RSVP December 9
- RSVP January 13
- RSVP February 10

Rosebank: Break in Case of Emergency

A decision on the Rosebank oil field is coming soon and we need everyone to get ready to respond. Sign up here to stay in the loop and join our emergency response should the government choose to press on with this carbon bomb.

LONDON CALLING – will you answer?

Big Oil and the far right are colluding in hidden conferences and air-conditioned drinks receptions, right here in our city. But this city belongs to all of us. Inside the belly of the beast, we are building our response – but we need you to make it happen. Sign up today to be the first to know about our new campaign.

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Big Oil Campaigner

Full-time (37.5 h/w), 1-year term contract

We are hiring a new paid position to deliver a 12-month plan that kicks off a new campaign to hold a Big Oil major accountable for climate damage and that continues our Stop Rosebank campaign.

We are seeking a flexible, proactive, well-organised self-starter, who is also able to work under direction, to deliver all aspects of a protest-based campaign with professionalism.

You are deeply driven to organise climate action for urgent change, whilst being highly professional and able to deliver time and again.

You have a strategic approach and can plan around multiple competing priorities, whilst maintaining good attention to detail. Your experience of working in a fast-paced environment and effective communication to complete shared work means you are confident in delivering tasks on time and adapting a range of media to achieve campaign goals. Finally, you are an adept meeting facilitator with strong interpersonal skills, who is able to work with a wide pool of volunteer organisers to deliver an active, far-reaching, and effective campaign.

Reports to: Climate Crisis and Inequality Campaigner

Who we are:

Fossil Free London is a welcoming and energetic grassroots organisation that opposes the presence of fossil fuel companies in our city, and stands against new UK oil and gas. We organise creative protest, with a focus on bringing new activists into the climate movement and amplifying our impact through social media and the news.

Key responsibilities:

- Executing a campaign against a Big Oil major and supporting our London-focused campaign to Stop Rosebank
- Leading and supporting group members to plan non-violent actions

- Using digital tools such as Action Network for outreach, recruitment, and onboarding of new members
- Conducting research and investigations into relevant corporate events
- Planning actions that get coverage in local and specialised press
- Appear and speak in multi-platform media on the frontline of protest
- Support in the creation of social media posts

Key skills and experience:

(Professional or Unpaid)

Communication

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, especially in a team under pressure
- Experience of writing activist, campaign or mobilising emails, updates, and descriptions for social media content
- Ability to support group members to plan actions as a team
- Strong understanding of climate issues, including links to social and racial justice struggles
- Social media skills to support the creation of engaging content

Activism

- Experience of effectively organising protests or demonstrations
- Understanding of relevant logistics, security, and legal issues
- Experience of welcoming and supporting volunteers
- Experience of organising and facilitating meetings of activists

What we offer:

- £35,000 per year salary (37.5 hours a week) for 1 year
- 25 days holiday + Bank holidays

- Hybrid working, with 1–2 days a week required in person from our space in Tower Hamlets, and various locations in London

What we require:

- Applicants must be willing to engage in non-violent direct action and demonstrate resilience under pressure.
- Applicants must be willing and able to work frequent evenings and weekends, with time off in lieu for working outside of regular office hours.
- Applicants must live in London or within commuting distance.
- Applicants must be entitled to work in the UK.

How to Apply:

Application Deadline: Thursday January 15, 8:00AM

Email your CV (2 pages max.) and a 2-page cover letter explaining your interest in this role to: **operations@fossilfreelondon.org** with the role title as the subject line.

To demonstrate your skills and experience in the cover letter, please describe three examples of relevant work projects that you have completed, detailing your role in executing them.

We advise that you use the STARR method in your interview, if you are offered one in the weeks beginning January 26th or February 2nd, when you may also be asked to complete a short task.

Accessibility

We are happy to consider any reasonable adjustments that candidates may need during the recruitment process. If there are additional accommodations you'd like to request, please contact **operations@fossilfreelondon.org**.

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

We believe equity, diversity, and inclusion are essential to the environmental movement. We encourage women, members of the LBGTQIA+ community, ethnic minorities, and/or any marginalised communities to apply for this role.

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SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Climate Crisis / 5 November 2025

Activists disrupt BP panel over hurricane-fuelling profits



[Pic: Fossil Free London]

ACTIVISTS have disrupted a panel event featuring senior BP executive Stewart Macfarlane, as the oil giant announced quarterly profits of $2.2 billion (£1.7bn), surpassing analysts' forecasts.

Campaigners from Fossil Free London interrupted the discussion on Tuesday evening, chanting: "As Hurricane Melissa tears down lives, do your profits help you sleep at night?" before being escorted out of the event hosted by the Association of International Energy Negotiators at Simmons & Simmons LLP's London office.

The protest came just days after Hurricane Melissa devastated Jamaica, with scientists warning that the climate crisis intensified the storm's impact.

BP has faced mounting criticism after scaling back its climate commitments.

Earlier this year, the company increased its annual investment in oil and gas to $10bn (£8.2bn) while cutting more than $5bn (£4.1bn) from its low-carbon spending plans.

A Global Witness analysis found that the rollback could cause around 72,000 additional heat-related deaths worldwide by the end of the century.

Fossil Free London director Robin Wells said the BP profits show that the company's "green mask has slipped to reveal the oily mouth behind," accusing the firm of fuelling global destruction while "CEOs and shareholders wine and dine in luxury."





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BREAKING 🚨: We disrupted BP on the day they announced £1.7BN in profits, after JUST 3 months, to call out the ludicrousness of them speaking at a decarbonising event.

BP's CEO said this year that they had gone 'too far, too fast,' on funding renewables...so instead they've doubled down on EVEN more oil and gas, in a climate crisis.

Hurricane Melissa, Typhoon Kalmaegi, and so many more, are the price we pay for BPs greed. And it's often the people who have done the least to cause the situation we're in.

Who is going to pay to rebuild Jamaica? Who is going to pay to rebuild the Philippines?

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November 5, 2025

Campaigners disrupt Oil Executive awards dinner in London

by The Canary — 4 December 2025 in Environment, Global, News, UK Reading Time: 2 mins read 193 2 AA 0

To highlight damage caused by the oil and gas industry, campaigners from Fossil Free London interrupted the World Energy Council Assembly's dinner at the Hilton in Mayfair on 3 December.

Oil and gas executives had gathered to present and receive industry "achievement awards". Award nominees and attendees included Shell, BP, and Ithaca Energy. Track Oil Prices

Campaigners chanted "no awards for climate criminals", as they were dragged out of the building by security.

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The protest comes after devastating flooding has killed at least 1,250 people across much of southeast Asia in recent days. Human-caused climate breakdown has increased the intensity of such extreme weather events.

Oil damages

A report recently found that oil and gas giants are responsible for €25 trillion in climate damages. Now, survivors of Super Typhoon Odette in the Philippines are suing Shell for damages, in a legal first for holding big oil accountable for its role in climate destruction.

Robin Wells, Director of Fossil Free London said: Book Local Tours

> *Whilst executives drink champagne in tuxedos, the world floods outside. They pat themselves on the back for the 'deal of the year', whilst their projects sign death warrants for communities in the*

> *Global South and future generations everywhere.*
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> *How can it be that business as usual awards the fossil fuel corporations that depend on the systematic destruction of our life support systems? The science is clear: every new oil field is an act of violence. We crashed their party to remind them that history will not give them an award; it will put them on trial.* Study Geology

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Climate Crisis / 13 February 2026

Fossil Free London holds Valentine's Day themed protest



CLIMATE campaigners have held a Valentine's Day themed protest as the government's decision on the Rosebank oil field nears.

Campaigners in couples stood in St Dunstan's in the East church grounds on Thursday wearing suits and frilly dresses, holding love heart placards reading: "Save Me," "Hot Earth" and "Stop Rosebank."

Burning Rosebank's total estimated reserves would emit more carbon dioxide than is released annually by the world's 28 lowest-income countries combined, according to reports.

Campaigners warn most oil would be sold for export, not lowering bills or increasing energy security, while taxpayers would cover most development costs.

Most profits would flow to Norway's sovereign wealth fund, with over £200 million potentially going to Delek Group, an Israeli conglomerate flagged by the UN for human rights violations in Palestine.

Fossil Free London director Robin Wells said: "This Valentine's Day, the UK government will be deciding whether Rosebank is hot or not.

"But we know that Rosebank will be too hot to handle. Labour, save us from all new oil projects, because Rosebank will kill millions."

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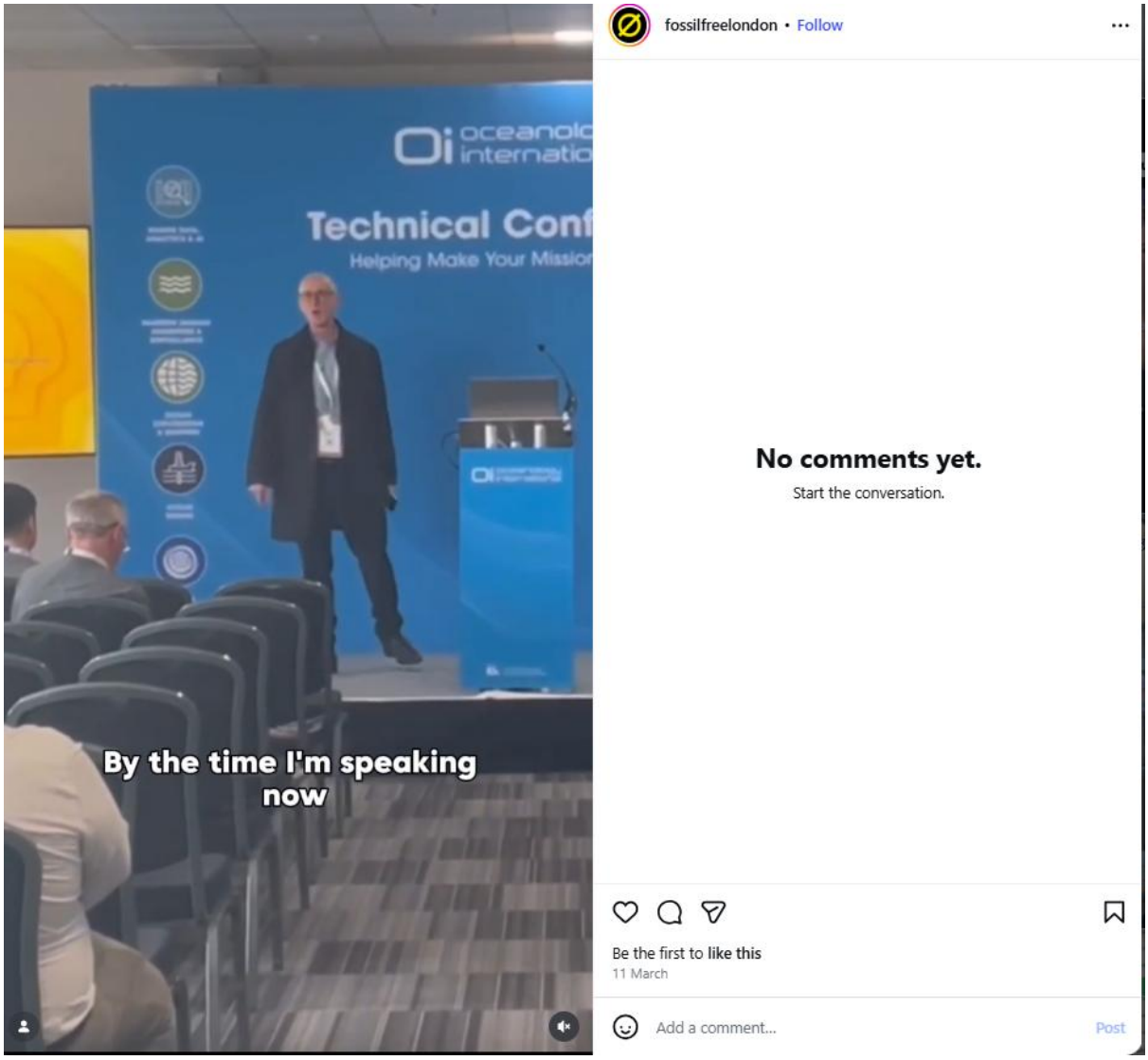
So, what do we do when we find a list of the secret after parties?!

We crash them, and make sure we ruin every oil CEO in Mayfairs night, of course?! 🔥

We paid visit to The Marriott Grosvenor Square, The Peninsula London Hotel and Mr Fogg's Apothecary.

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BREAKING: We challenged Shell at London's Oceanology conference to call out their crimes in the Niger Delta ... but unfortunately all the men left the room.

It makes sense as they've also walked away from the Niger Delta - leaving devastation behind them.

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Since 1958, Shell's oil extraction has devastated the Niger Delta, leaving it the most oil polluted region on earth. But now, after a ten year battle 13,000+ Niger Deltans from the Bille and Ogale areas are finally getting their day in court.

🔥 Since 2011, Shell has publicly reported over 1,000 oil leaks amounting to over 17.5 million litres of oil spilled across the Niger Delta.

🔥 The life expectancy in the region is ten years lower than the rest of Nigeria, because of Shell's crimes

🔥 UNEP estimates it would take 5 years to clean the land and 25 years to clean the water.

AND NOW Shell wants to walk away without cleaning up their mess!

We stand in full solidarity with the Niger Delta's demand that Shell must CLEAN UP and PAY UP for their crimes.

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Energy / 5 May 2026

Activists pile body-bags outside Equinor offices over ‘oily dollar bills signed in blood’



Photo: Fossil Free London

ACTIVISTS piled several life-size body-bags outside oil and gas giant Equinor's London offices today over Europe's largest gas provider profiteering from the Iran war.

Fossil Free London staged the protest ahead of the co-owner of the Rosebank oil field announcing its first quarter profits tomorrow.

Ministers are also considering a Scottish court ruling that original approval to drill the largest untapped oil field in the North Sea was unlawful.

Fossil Free London director Robin Wells said: "Equinor's oily dollar bills are signed in blood.

"Everyone knows the gory truth about the oil industry: whether it's from the ravages of war, from freak floods that drown people in their homes, or from supercharged fires that trap and burn the defenceless in a road-melting nightmare, as the bodies pile high the oil profits swell.

"More oil means blood money. More oil means war and climate impacts. More oil means disaster."

An Equinor spokesman said: "We value freedom of speech and respect NGOs' right to voice their opinion. Our focus is to be a reliable energy supplier in turbulent times."

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Bloody petrol pump stunt as Shell expects profit jump from war on Iran

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Campaigners from Fossil Free London sat outside the London HQ of Shell wrapped in a fuel pump on 6 May. Others dressed as oil executives poured a red liquid resembling blood over the campaigners, also covering their own hands in 'blood'. Behind them, a banner read, "BLOOD MONEY: No new oil & gas."

The protest comes as Shell is set to announce its quarterly profits on Thursday 7 May, which are anticipated to jump amid Trump and Netanyahu's attack on Iran. Track Oil Prices

This follows a general trend for the oil and gas sector, with BP reporting last week that its quarterly profits had more than doubled.

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This is while the UK expects more price rises driven by the conflict, and over 2,000 people have been killed by the US and Israel's war on Iran.

Robin Wells, spokesperson for Fossil Free London, said:

> In these past few years, as our world becomes more unstable and the realities of climate

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And we're feeling this so rawly right now. As we see thousands slaughtered in Iran and weep alongside those mothers who will never hold their children again, Shell is making a killing. But this doesn't mean the system is broken. In fact, it means it's working perfectly. Track Oil Prices

Because as long as we rely on massive fossil fuel corporations for our energy supply, we're tied to the massive price shocks of global crises – that leaves our bills soaring and their profits soaring.

We need to get off this rollercoaster, of energy insecurity, climate breakdown, and greed. We have the solution, it's renewables.

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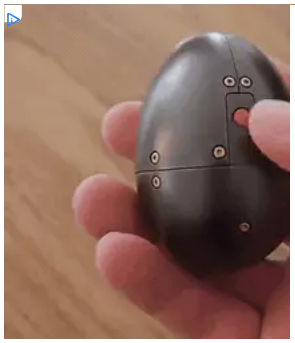
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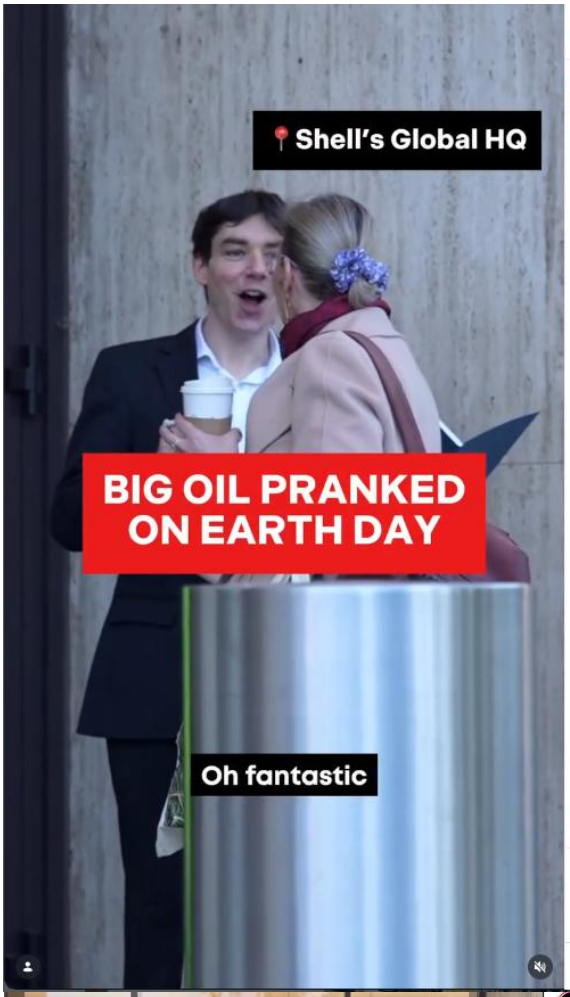


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Today on 🌎 Earth Day, at Shell's London HQ, @_forgottenhistory posed as their Sustainability team, and even they seemed to really buy into it - even accepting 'well done' stickers - and patting themselves on the back for a job well done.

This is how far their greenwashing has gone - even they have forgotten the devastating reality of their crimes.

So on Earth day here's a reminder:

🔥 Shell has made the Niger Delta the most polluted oil region on earth, and now they are walking away without cleaning up.

🔥 They knew, from 1965 at the latest, that the production and combustion of fossil fuels were increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and this is the primarily cause of human made climate change.

🔥 Climate change and the current levels of warming, to which Shell has contributed, have roughly doubled the likelihood of a disaster like Super Typhoon Odette in the Philippines.

We exist to make life really hard for the fossil fuel industry - right here in the belly of the beast. If you want to fight against Shell, then join Fossil Free London.

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fossilfreelondon BREAKING NEWS: Shell's profits in the last three months have doubled to over £5 billion

Fossil Free London protested at their global HQ in Waterloo.

In these past few years, as our world becomes more unstable and the realities of climate breakdown set in, it's never been clearer: Big Oil profits from, and locks in, mass death.

We're feeling this so rawly right now. As we see thousands slaughtered in Iran and weep alongside those mothers who will never hold their children again, Shell is making a killing. But this doesn't mean the system is broken, in fact, it means it's working perfectly.

Because as long as we rely on massive fossil fuel corporations for our energy supply, we're tied to the massive price shocks of global crises - that leaves our bills soaring and their profits soaring.

We need to get off this rollercoaster, of energy insecurity, climate breakdown, and greed. We have the solution, it's renewables.

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Shell profits, kids go hungry

Brendan Montague | 27th May 2026 | © The Author



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Stunt outside supermarket as food prices jump and oil giants' profits soar.

Campaigners staged a protest outside a supermarket in Hackney during the bank holiday weekend to draw attention to

the rising cost of living and oil and gas corporations' soaring profits.

The stunt by Fossil Free London involved two trolleys: one pushed by a campaigner dressed as an oil executive and filled with sacks of money; the other was filled with placards shaped like common food items.

Each placard displayed the item's current cost and the amount it has risen by over recent months. One read, "Orange juice, £1.79, up 130 per cent". Behind the trollies a banner read: "Shell profits. We pay the price."





Laughing

The protest comes as Shell's first quarter profits jumped 115 per cent, as announced this month. Food prices in Britain are set to rise by 50 per cent from the beginning of the cost of living crisis, driven by climate and energy shocks.

Robin Wells, from Fossil Free London, said: “Big Oil companies are vultures. They prey and profit from crisis, war, and human suffering. And they pilfer from and collapse the earth systems the give us life.

"For as long as the fossil fuel industry persists, humanity's very existence is threatened, and life is all the more miserable. Shell continues to profit, and we’re all paying the price. And the cost is only getting bigger.”

Stu, also from Fuel Poverty Action, added: “It is unconscionable that so many of us are going without because we can’t afford the basic energy we need for heating, eating and lighting.

"Shareholders are laughing all the way to the bank, and the government is letting them get away with it. And £500 of our energy bill already goes to profits, and that’s set to rise if politicians do nothing.

Profits

"That’s why Fuel Poverty Action is calling on the government to clamp down on energy company profiteering, and bring down our bills by passing the benefits of cheap-to-produce renewable energy back to us.”

Meanwhile, some environmental campaigners have cautiously welcomed Rachel Reeves' promise to take aim at oil and gas profits, with plans to close a tax loophole on overseas

activities and raise hundreds of millions of pounds.

Reeves, the British chancellor, said she would stop firms – including oil and gas giants such as BP and Shell – from reducing their tax liabilities by using corporate structures involving foreign branches, in a speech last week outlining cost-of-living support measures for households and businesses.

> ***“Big Oil companies are vultures. They prey and profit from crisis, war, and human suffering.”***

She said some oil and gas groups that operate overseas through foreign branches “have structured their tax affairs in a way which ensures they pay little or no corporation tax on their UK energy trading profits”.

“Today we are putting an end to that practice,” she announced. “We expect these reforms to raise hundreds of millions of pounds a year and fund the package of measures set out today.”

Capitalise

A spokesperson from Greenpeace welcomed the move to put “cash-strapped households over polluting profiteers”. It comes after results from BP and Shell revealed massive profit hauls thanks to bumper results in their energy trading businesses because of soaring oil prices caused by the Iran war.

Shell reported underlying earnings of £5.09 billion for the first quarter – more than double the result in the previous three months and 24 per cent higher on a year ago.

It said the higher cost of crude had boosted its oil trading business, with the wider chemicals and products division seeing underlying earnings more than quadruple to £1.41 billion.

BP also reported far better than expected results, with first quarter profits more than doubling to £2.35 billion as its traders were able to capitalise on highly volatile oil prices.

Eyewatering

Rudy Schulkind, political campaigner at Greenpeace UK, said: “It is already indefensible that companies like Shell are reaping eyewatering profits off the back of the energy crisis while millions face soaring bills and growing climate chaos.

“So it’s hugely encouraging that the chancellor is siding with cash-strapped households over polluting profiteers. But the detail will matter, and we will be watching closely to ensure these commitments are delivered in full.”

BP and Shell did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Offshore Energies UK (OEUK) – the UK’s leading energy body – said it was “reviewing what’s been proposed”.

The UK already imposes a windfall tax on the oil and gas sector of 38 per cent when prices exceed thresholds set by the government. When combined with permanent corporate taxes, this brings the total headline tax rate on upstream oil and gas profits to 78 per cent.

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Protestors from Fossil Fuel London outside US Embassy. 01/04/2026

Oil stocks have surged since US air strikes on Iran and disruption in the Strait of Hormuz have restricted supply to global markets.

At the US Embassy in London on Wednesday, campaign group Fossil Fuel London protested against oil company profits in the wake of the war on Iran and counter strikes in the Middle East.

Thousands of citizens have died across the region following US and Israeli attacks on Iran, while US president Trump has stated his intention to "take the oil in Iran" following major attacks on production hubs.

Prime minister Keir Starmer held an emergency cabinet office briefing room (Cobra) roundtable on Monday afternoon with business leaders from BP, Shell, Centrica, Equinor and finance bosses from Goldman Sachs, HSBC and Lloyd's of London.

The emergency meeting was held following indications that the US president planned to target Iran oil production by seizing Kharg Island.

The price of oil surged above $100 per barrel this year for the first time since the last energy crisis in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, which restricted gas exports from the region and sent oil and gas prices spiking.

'Higher profits across the board'

Share prices at BP, Shell and the five main oil companies have been rising once more since the conflict in the Gulf, as the shipping of resources such as oil and gas through the Hormuz strait has been restricted, pushing up global downstream prices.

Analysts expect the surge in share prices at the top oil firms to translate to company profits.

Panmure Liberum analyst Ashley Kelty said: "The elevated oil and gas prices will definitely feed through into higher profits for O&G companies – particularly the integrated majors and those with lower exposure to the Middle East.

"We haven't see the final impact yet, as we're still awaiting the first quarterly results from 2026, but I'd expect them to look pretty healthy.

"In addition, prices look set to remain higher for longer due to the fact that it will take some time to return to 'normality'."

He anticipates that it will take a month or more for "return to reasonable supply", citing that Kuwait officials have suggested it could take up to four months.

As a result, he expects "higher profits across the board", particularly for companies that are not over hedged in terms of production. However, he does not anticipate "super normal profits" of the level following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



Protestors oppose oil profiteering from US war on Iran Picture shows; Campaigners against war oil profits. US Embassy. Supplied by Fossil Fuel London Date; 01/04/2026

Half a trillion in profits

Recent data shows that energy companies have raked in cumulative profits of almost half a trillion dollars since the last energy crisis.

The five leading oil companies alone, BP, Shell, Chevron, ExxonMobil and TotalEnergies, recorded profits of approximately US$467 billion in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to last month's analysis from Global Witness four years on.

BP and Shell have spent ten times more on shareholder pay-outs than on low carbon and renewable energy investments since 2022, it added. The data showed pay-outs in shareholder dividends and repurchases totalled nearly $10bn in 2025 by BP alone, with Shell's shareholder pay-outs double that.

Households across Europe have faced soaring energy price spikes due to the global energy crisis, the report said.

On Wednesday during a press briefing at Downing Street, Starmer said that energy bills will come down by more than £100 under the latest price cap, but that will not stop businesses from being exposed.

Conflict means that domestic prices will change from July. Cornwall Insight has now forecast that the price cap will rise to £1,929 per year, up 18% from April.

One of Reform's major donors, Jeremy Hoskings, has seen his fossil fuel and energy hedge fund investments in oil companies such as ExxonMobil and Chevron rise by more than $25 million since the war began in Iran, an analysis by Democracy for Sale showed.

There have been calls for the UK oil and gas projects, like the controversial Rosebank oil field, despite 80% of domestically produced oil being exported, according to energy transition advocacy group Uplift.

Campaigners from Fossil Free London urged politicians to break free from Big Oil, wrest from the climate crisis and stop Trump from tying the country to fossil fuel production.

The group's director Robin Wells said: "We're protesting today to say that for as long as the UK stays tied up in fossil fuels, we'll see more oil wars, more extreme weather deaths and more instability. The UK needs to cut ties with Trump and Big Oil. We need to break free from this knot of violence.

"That starts with scrapping new UK oil and gas and rejecting Rosebank. Until then, being tied into Big Oil's big disaster leaves us paying the price."

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The top 6 fossil fuel corporations are projected to make $2967 a second in profits in 2026. And some of that money is being used to fuel far-right parties, anti-climate politicians, and right-wing media.

Their greed is strangling us, sowing division and tearing apart our only home.

As they take more and more for themselves, they ensure the grip of toxic fossil fuels is so deeply embedded into our systems that the rest of us have no choice but to pay extortionate energy bills, and fight at the bottom for the scraps that remain - **all whilst locking us into more deadly emissions, more heatwaves, more devastation.**

BUT this city belongs to all of us and we're going to make sure it's impossible for their hate, violence and money to continue to thrive here in London.

Catastrophic climate breakdown is no longer a distant threat, **it is here**. And at the very same time as the waters rise at our feet, fascism is nipping at our heels, warning us that every climate and human rights win, we as a people have achieved, could be taken away.

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Today during London's third heatwave we disrupted the QEII Centre, on their 40th bday to demand that they: stop hosting oil.

They willingly allow Shell, Exxon, as well as weapons manufacturing corporations to meet in their venue.

Their pockets are lined with oily money.



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Campaigners disrupt event showcase demanding venues stop hosting fossil fuel firms

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Amidst the third heat storm of this year, campaigners demanded an end to London venues hosting events for fossil fuel companies.

Fossil Free London campaigners disrupted inside the QEII Centre in Westminster while the venue hosted its annual Summer Showcase. This is an invitation-only event marketed to the events industry where companies can find suitable locations for their corporate events.

In protest over London venues hosting oil and gas events, five campaigners entered the 40th birthday party event at the QEII Centre and disrupted the event. They requested to give a birthday speech within the DJ booth when they said:

> *Did you know the QEII Centre is one of the biggest hosts of the fossil fuel companies in London? They line the pockets of the oil and gas industry. They have blood on their hands and their pockets are lined with oily money.*
>
> *This is a climate crisis. people are dying. They host Shell, Exxon, as well as the weapons manufacturing companies. Their pockets are lined with oily money. Shame on them… Shame on you!*

They were dragged out by security while chanting:

> *London's calling, London's burning! Don't host oil!*

The QEII Centre hosts a variety of fossil fuel events. In February 2026, it hosted International Energy Week, a three-day oil and gas conference organised by the Energy Institute and attended by companies including Shell, BP, Equinor and TotalEnergies.

London consistently brings together oil majors, national oil companies, commodity traders, financiers, consultancies, law firms, diplomats, regulators and policymakers at global conferences. These include Energy Intelligence Forum, World Energy Capital Assembly and Africa Energies Summit.

And the capital's role in these conference circles is growing: the Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference relocated from Dubai to London in June.

Campaign highlights fossil fuel – far right link

The protest comes as the start of a new campaign by the climate justice group, that demands London venues stop hosting 'oil and hate'. The group intends to draw attention to the city's enabling of the fossil fuel industry and the far right. And it will disrupt venues that host the fossil fuel industry event including when the venue is not currently hosting an oil or gas event.

In June, Kensington Olympia in London hosted the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship conference. This brought together climate deniers, far-right figures including Nigel Farage and Big Oil executives. Between 2019 and 2024, Reform UK received more than £2.3m from fossil fuel interests, polluters and climate deniers. That made up 92% of the party's donations in that period.

The campaign emerges as a growing number of venues have already refused to host such events. In February 2025, the London venue OMEARA cancelled an unofficial afterparty for the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship (ARC) conference following a Fossil Free London campaign.

In July 2026, the Powerscourt Hotel in County Wicklow, Ireland, cancelled a conference by Dialog, an invitation-only group co-founded by tech billionaire Peter Thiel, after a public campaign.

Robin Wells, director for Fossil Free London, said:

> *London is cooking and this is London calling, and we're calling time on the venues that host oil and hate.*
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> *Every day in our city, Big Oil meets and colludes behind closed doors in air conditioned rooms, to cause fossil-fuelled heat storms like this one, the third of this year.*
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> *They meet in hidden conferences, private ballrooms and exclusive drinks receptions, plotting to set fire to our safety and security and collude with the politicians, thinktanks and far-right forces to strip back our rights.*
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> *Venues hand fossil fuel actors the space and the secrecy to burn our house down, while lining their own pockets. And the screams of those who live in that burning house are only getting louder right now.*
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> *From North London, where we personally know four people who died in a fire in the last heat storm, to China and Taiwan, as millions face a super typhoon tearing through their windows and tearing up their lives.*
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> *The people are sweating: in this fossil-fuelled extreme heat, and in fear of the avalanche of racism and climate denial currently being perpetuated inside our city's private venues. It's time for these city's spaces need to make the moral choice. Venues have already kicked out far-right actors, proving it can be done.*

> *This city belongs to all of us. We are resolving to make it impossible for destruction and violence on a mass scale to continue to thrive here in London. No room for oil. No room for hate.*

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Activists pour 'oil' over Shell headquarters



Fossil Free London campaigners protest outside Shell's London HQ, July 2026

ACTIVISTS dressed as firefighters while others poured a black liquid resembling oil over their heads during a protest outside Shell's global headquarters today.

They carried placards reading: "Shell fuels wildfires" and "Stop pouring oil on the flames" ahead of the oil giant's quarterly profit announcement on Thursday.

The protest took place as more than 300,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes by wildfires across Spain and France, with blazes also hitting Scotland, Italy and Portugal amid record-breaking heatwaves in Europe.

Fossil Free London's Robin Wells said: "Fire needs fuel ... we all know those red and yellow flames are turbocharged by Shell's oil.

"As we witness one of the biggest evacuation efforts on the continent since World War II, the heavy weight in our heart is the knowledge there's so much more to come.

"Stop pouring Shell's oil onto this house, torn down by fire. People need to stop the harm and rebuild.

"[Prime Minister] Andy Burnham and [Energy Security and Net Zero Secretary] Miatta Fahnbulleh need to make clear now that protecting people from wildfires, drought, crop failures and heatwaves means stopping new oil.

"It means they must stop Rosebank," he added, referring to an as-yet undeveloped oil and gas field west of Shetland.

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Previous targets include GB News, BP, Coca Cola (London Fashion Week), The Policy Exchange, Worley Engineering, McKinsey & Co, The Wood Group, Marshall Wace, The Labour Party, INEOS & JP Morgan, to name but a few.

Now as an independent, autonomous campaign, Cut The Ties To Fossil Fuels will be able to work with a broader spectrum of other activist groups and movements, whilst remaining agile and focusing on our core belief in non violent direct action. We only do direct action.

Why do we need to raise money? Direct action protests cost money, and we no longer have the financial support of XR. We need to raise funds for

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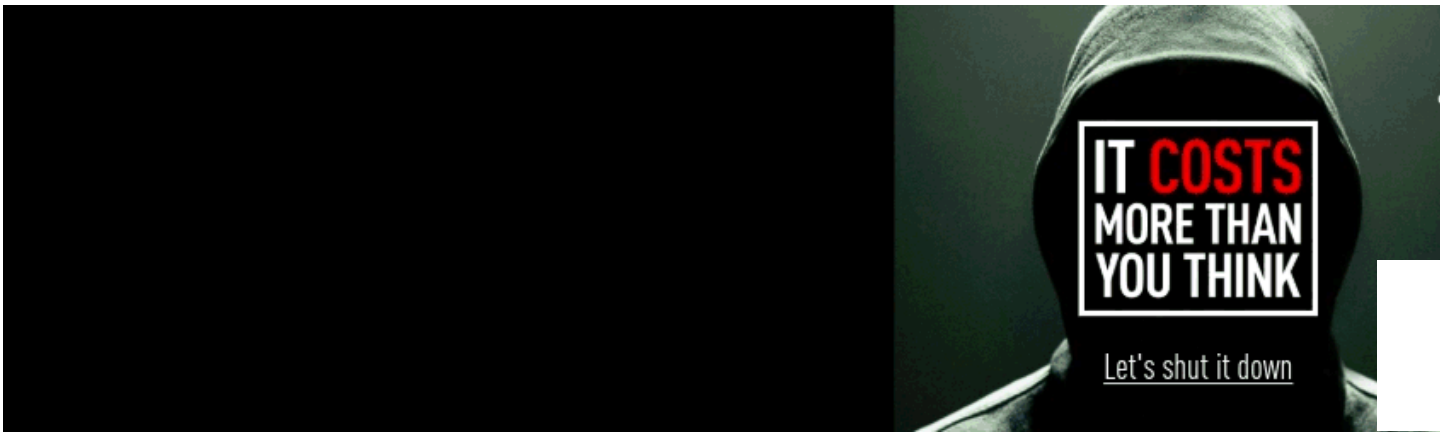
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Woman arrested after climate protest in Southampton

10th December 2025 Crime Southampton



The protesters took to Threefiled Lane in Southampton *(Image: NQ)*



By Ross Marshall
Reporter

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A woman has been arrested during a climate protest in Southampton today.

Campaign group, Cut The Ties To Fossil Fuels, have taken to Threefield Lane in Southampton to stage a demonstration today.

The group were seen holding signs and banners, reading 'cut ties to carbon pollution' and it is understood that police arrested one of the protesters at the scene.



Hampshire police have been approached for more information on the arrest.

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A police spokesperson said: "We were called at 12:41pm today (Wednesday 10 December), to reports of a protest at a business on Threefield Lane in Southampton.

"Officers are in attendance.

"Policing these events requires us to balance the rights of those lawfully protesting, and the rights of others to go about their lives without being subject to unacceptable disruption, whilst keeping the public safe.

"Our priority with protests is always public safety."

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Federated Hermes targeted over oil pipeline support

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As the climate crisis made itself all too evident across the UK with searingly high temperatures, climate activists occupied the lobby of the UK headquarters of Federated Hermes.

They called on the company to stop funding the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). This is a massive 'carbon bomb' expected to generate 379 million tonnes of CO2 in its lifetime.

The activists from Cut The Ties to Fossil Fuels entered the lobby of Federated Hermes handing out leaflets to staff and displaying banners saying "EACOP is a Carbon Bomb".

Outside they painted windows with the slogan "DROP EACOP" and stuck oily money over them, as well as setting off smoke flares and holding banners demanding that Federated Hermes Drop EACOP.

The action is part of a global week of action "Kick Polluters Out' called for by impacted communities in Uganda and Tanzania.

Federated Hermes – financing the climate crisis

Federated Hermes is a leading investor in TotalEnergies, the principal partner in the controversial project to extract oil from underneath Lake Albert in Uganda and build the nine hundred mile pipeline to the Port of Tanga, Tanzania for export.

As part of Climate Action 100+, Federated Hermes claims to be engaging with TotalEnergies in order to convince it to adopt a transition strategy aligned with the Paris Agreement.

Yet TotalEnergies regularly raises its oil and gas production targets, reduces its investments in sustainable energies and has refused to let their shareholders vote on their climate plan.

TotalEnergies is still by far the biggest shareholder in EACOP. In spite of this TotalEnergies is Federated Hermes' number one fossil fuel investment.

The International Energy Agency has said that there can be no new oil and gas production if we are to reach Net Zero by 2050 and stay within survivable climate boundaries.

Present at the action, Caroline Hartnell, a grandmother from London, said:

> *Federated Hermes are hypocrites, EACOP is a 'Carbon Bomb' expected to generate 379 million tonnes of CO2 in its lifetime.*
>
> *EACOP is displacing 100,000 people across Uganda and Tanzania, threatening both the Lake Victoria basin, a water source which is relied on by more than 40 million people, as well as putting at risk critical wildlife reserves supporting elephants, chimpanzees and lions.*
>
> *Shocking levels of violence and intimidation have been inflicted on the people in the path of the pipeline, including rapes and arson attacks. We demand Federated Hermes immediately divests from TotalEnergies, the leaders of this disastrous project and Cuts the Ties to Fossil Fuels.*

The EACOP project has been condemned by the European Parliament, citing the wrongful imprisonment of human rights defenders and the arbitrary suspension of NGOs opposed to
the project, by the UN and groups such as Human Rights Watch who accuse it of devastating people's livelihoods and exacerbating the global climate crisis.

Global Witness has also criticised the project, exposing a climate of intimidation and harassment aimed at silencing criticism of the pipeline. To date 30 major insurance firms and over 40 banks have publicly ruled out financing or insuring the controversial project.

Also at the action, Clare Finn, a retired solicitor from Brighton, said:

> *The world's problems are clear to see; conflicts, displacement, exploitation, genocide, ecological breakdown and existential changes to our climate. These crises are intersectional and they share a common root; the systems of power that value private profit over people and planet.*
>
> *At the heart of this toxic system sits the fossil fuel industry and we are here to call out Federated Hermes and all who fund and support this life sapping industry. We act in solidarity with everyone in the path of EACOP whose lives are being ruined by reckless corporate greed. Cut the Ties to fossil fuels!*

Trust Chikodzo, Kick Polluters Out coordinator, Magamba Network, said:

> *Right now people in Nairobi are burning barricades over fuel prices while TotalEnergies counts record profits from war and chaos.*

> *The Global South is not collateral damage, we are being bled dry so money flows abroad. We have the sun, the wind, the minerals, what we need is to finance people-powered systems and kick these polluters out.*

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The usual support crew (but mostly Stewards) are needed for a non-XR action in **Central London on Tuesday 26th May**.

We don't need huge numbers of crew but if it's easy for you to get there it will be great to meet up again..

Where: Central London (Location will be confirmed in chat after you sign up)

When: Tuesday 26th May, approx. 11:30-14:30 (but subject to slight changes)

Who: 💚 **non-**XR action Cut The Ties

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Climate protest forces evacuation at London market conference

By  Harriet Scott | 23 January 2026

'We disrupted this conference because insurance professionals cannot keep discussing 'risk' in isolation from the risks they are actually creating', says activist

Young activists disrupted the Fitch Ratings Insurance Insights 2026 conference yesterday (22 January 2026), in protest of the London market's continued support for the fossil fuel industry.

The demonstration took place during the opening session of the conference in the City's Minster Building at 2pm.

Three protestors entered the conference venue posing as attendees before two demonstrators invaded the stage, unveiling placards reading 'No New Workers for Fossil Fuel Insurers' and calling on the UK insurance sector to stop enabling the expansion of oil, gas and coal.

The activists included a 16 year old who urged companies to stop insuring fossil fuels, as young people will not work for them if they continue to do so.

After over 10 minutes of the protestors reaching the stage, attendees were evacuated from the conference room.

Previous action

This follows a series of protests including the recent S&P Ratings conference and a career conference at LLoyd's of London.



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Campaigners said the acceleration of actions targeting the London insurance market was prompted by recent strategic shifts, the market's continued exposure to fossil fuels and Lloyd's of London's position that it is "apolitical".

The Fitch Ratings Insurance Insights 2026 conference addressed risk and opportunities for the insurance sector over the next year, with Lloyds of London's chief of market performance Rachel Turk presenting a session.

A spokesperson for No New Workers said: "We disrupted this conference because insurance professionals cannot keep discussing 'risk' in isolation from the risks they are actually creating.

"An industry that insures fossil fuel expansion is not managing climate risk – it is fuelling it. Their laissez-faire approach to fossil fuels amounts to a refusal to take responsibility for the damage the market enables. When the world's largest hub for fossil fuel insurance chooses inaction, it is choosing climate chaos."

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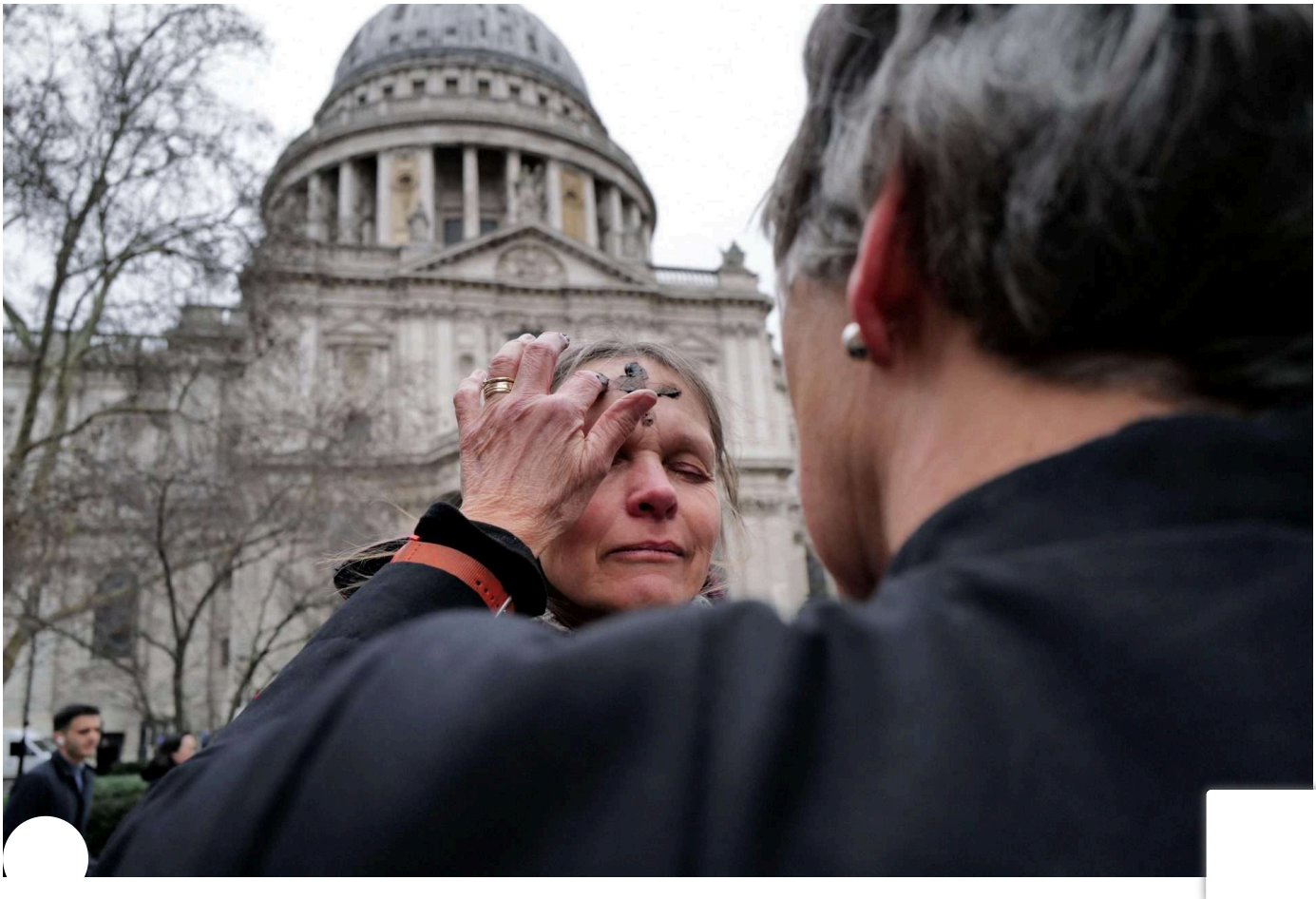
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Christian Climate Action protests North Atlantic oilfield amid call for Lenten 'carbon fast'

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A 24-hour prayer vigil was held at St Paul's London on Ash Wednesday, including a demonstration against the human cost of climate change.

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‘The World Council of Churches invites the Christian family into a global systemic carbon fast not only to reduce personal carbon footprints but to reshape the systems that drive exploitation and destruction of the web of life.’

Christian Climate Action marked Ash Wednesday with a 24-hour prayer vigil outside St Paul’s, London, urging the Church to “join us in repenting of our part in climate suffering and in fossil fuel destruction”.

The activists took part in a “die-in” demonstration, lying under white sheets in front of the steps of St Paul’s with tombstones at their feet to represent people around the world dying due to extreme climate impacts, in protest of Rosebank, a planned new oilfield in the North Atlantic, 80 miles off the coast of Shetland.

The government approved an application from Equinor, a Norwegian oil giant, to start developing the oilfield in 2023, but in January 2025, the Scottish courts ruled that this decision was unlawful, due to the emissions that would be caused by burning the field’s reserves.

Rosebank is the UK’s biggest undeveloped oil and gas field, and its oil and gas would produce more than 200 million tonnes of CO2, according to estimates from Rystad Energy. This is more than the combined annual CO2 emissions of 700 million people in all 28 low-income countries in the world.

However, in October 2025, Equinor submitted an “Environmental Impact Assessment” to reopen the case, and a new decision on the project is still pending.

Christian Climate Action said they expect the Government will announce a decision on Rosebank’s licence during Lent. They have written to Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell and lead bishop for the environment Graham Usher, urging them to “speak out prophetically and demand plans for the vast Rosebank oilfield to be stopped”.

Revd Helen Burnett, vicar from Chaldon, Surrey, who helped organise the protest, said, “Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which is the season of repentance and reflection. A time when Christians consider their commitment to living within the limits of the gospel which frees us to live in ways that bring justice and peace.

“That’s why we have chosen today to urge the Church to speak out against fossil fuel extraction and here in the UK that means stopping the Rosebank oil field from being developed.”

, a member of the Third Order of St Francis who also took part, said, “With almost daily reports about the impact of the climate and biodiversity crisis from scientists, economists and

security experts, I deplore the lack of action and engagement by institutions such as the Government and the Church.

“By taking part in this 24-hour vigil at the start of Lent, a season when through prayer and acts of self-sacrifice we are encouraged to reflect on and realign our lives with Christ, I hope I can draw attention to the urgency with which we should be changing direction. We must stop crucifying creation.”

Meanwhile, the World Council of Churches has encouraged Christians to undertake “a global systemic carbon fast” this Lent: to “seek not only to reduce personal carbon footprints but to reshape the systems that drive exploitation and destruction of the web of life”, through “prayer, reflection, and collective action”.

The co-presidents of Catholic peace movement Pax Christi International, Sr Wamuyu Wachira and Bishop Colin Bagaforo, also urged care for creation in Lent and Ramadan: “Ramadan and Lent remind us that faith must transform the heart and shape our actions.

“Our faith cannot be separated from care for creation and its inhabitants. Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si’*, reminds us that the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one. The Qur’an teaches that humanity is called to be *khalifa*, steward of God’s creation.”

Faith for the Climate, an interfaith initiative founded by Canon Giles Goddard, also said that the coincidence of Lent and Ramadan this year should “nourish our work on climate justice”.

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Greenpeace shines light on Shell's war profiteering



Graham Thompson
May 7, 2026

Greenpeace projects on Shell HQ as oil giant posts $53,241-per-minute profits

Photographs and video of the various projections are available here.

In response to Shell announcing their first-quarter profits this morning, Maja Darlington, climate campaigner for Greenpeace UK, said:

“As bombs fall and bills go up, more billions roll in for Shell, one of the UK’s top war profiteers. Shell is making $53,241 per minute while millions of people across Britain are dreading their next energy bill. Our fossil fuelled economy is rigged in favour of oil giants like Shell – whether it’s war or wildfires, they profit, we pay.

“In the twenty-first century we have cheaper, cleaner alternatives that we can use to power Britain without anybody being bombed. We don’t need to let the fossil fuel industry hold us to ransom and pass on the costs of endless wars and limitless pollution. The cost of living crisis, the climate crisis, the middle-east crisis, these are all oil industry operating costs. We need to stop subsidising them, introduce new taxes to make them pay and start taxing their obscene profits properly.”

At the weekend a team of Greenpeace activists projected the truth about the source of Shell’s huge profits, announced at 7am this morning, onto their global headquarters by the Thames in London.

The team projected onto the huge office building from a number of different angles, including from the other side of the Thames, and also onto a nearby Shell garage, all in central London.

The projection includes footage from the conflict in Iran as well as footage of the extreme weather that has been increasing around the world in recent years, and footage of Shell’s CEO Wael Sawan.

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NatWest Group

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Singing activists disrupt NatWest meeting over 'climate backtracking'

AGM briefly adjourned after protesters wearing T-shirts labelled 'No more big oil' burst into song

Julia Kollewe

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The chair of NatWest was forced to defend the bank against accusations of "climate backtracking" at a chaotic annual shareholder meeting, which was temporarily suspended owing to singing protesters.

Not long after the meeting began in Edinburgh, it was adjourned for about half an hour after a protester interrupted Rick Haythornthwaite's opening speech.

Protesters in the audience, wearing black T-shirts emblazoned with “No more big oil” and “No bombs”, then sang a song to the tune of Frère Jacques, with a chorus of “No more bombs, no more oil”. They appear to represent the campaign group Extinction Rebellion’s XR Money Rebellion, which has targeted NatWest and other banks for financing fossil fuel projects.

When the meeting resumed, it was dominated by questions from shareholders about NatWest’s climate policies, as well as staff wages compared with bumper executive pay packets.

Recent changes to the bank’s climate policy have included dropping a commitment not to lend to any oil and gas companies that lack a credible transition plan or fail to report their overall carbon emissions.



A screengrab of some of the protesters at the NatWest AGM. Photograph: X/@money_rebellion

Mara Lilley, a representative of the Church of England pension board, said the C of E board was voting against Haythornthwaite’s re-election because of “concerns about NatWest backtracking on its climate commitments”.

In response, Haythornthwaite, who began his career in energy working in exploration for BP, said that, as “a geologist by background”, he was taking climate breakdown “very, very seriously, as does all of this board”.

He added: “We’ve had to wrestle with the questions of how do we balance supporting our customers in their [energy] transition efforts with managing the risk of what is an increasingly complex policy environment.”

Haythornthwaite said NatWest retained two key goals: to halve its climate impact compared with 2019 levels (it is now at 39%) and to achieve net zero emissions from its financing by 2050. “Those commitments have not gone away.”

He added that the bank, which provided £19bn in energy transition finance during the second half of 2025, was targeting a new goal of £200bn in sustainable lending by 2030.

The NatWest chair said oil and gas financing was only 0.6% of the bank’s total lending, and NatWest would not invest in controversial projects such as shale oil and gas oil sands, or coal gas, methane or coal liquefaction.

He described the company’s policy changes as a “slight shift” in its climate commitments, adding: “We feel that we found a pragmatic middle road.”

However, investors disagreed. Jeanne Martin from ShareAction said: “NatWest Group plays a key role in the economy’s transition to net zero” but in February “reduced the ambition of its fossil fuel policy and climate targets”.

Her organisation speaks on behalf of 19 institutional shareholders with $1.4tn (£1tn) assets. ShareAction had said before the meeting: “This kind of backtracking has real consequences.”

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She asked for a meeting within three months between those investors and Haythornthwaite, to which he agreed.

Haythornthwaite was re-elected as a director with backing from 92% of shareholders, the lowest approval vote among the 25 resolutions.

Martin said in response to the vote: “This is a significant level of dissent in a system where board chairs are normally waved through with overwhelming support.

“It reflects investor concern that the bank tearing up its fossil fuel policy risks accelerating exposure to physical risks like flooding and heatwaves, while storing up long-term financial instability for the future.”

Two representatives from Unite, including Michelle Smith, the union’s lead industrial organiser, asked about NatWest’s rising dividends and executive pay packets.

Smith said bank staff had “seen shareholder dividends and executive remuneration packages increase at inflation-busting levels, while … we have got members visiting food banks and having to make choices between eating and heating”.

Haythornthwaite replied that he was hopeful that the bank could soon strike an agreement with the union, saying: “We want to be able to give our colleagues a fair reward for their very considerable effort they put in the company and we’ve got to balance that with the long-term sustainability of the business.”

In February, NatWest reported that its chief executive, Paul Thwaite, would receive £6.6m, the largest payout for a CEO of the banking group since his disgraced predecessor Fred Goodwin took home £7.7m in 2006. Last year the UK government sold its final shares in NatWest, ending 17 years of state ownership.